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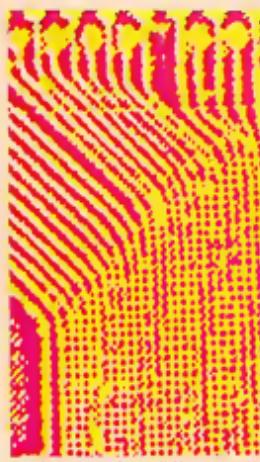
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# microscreens

Outer space is the theme for two of this month's Antic microscreens. G. Manson of Sparks, Nevada presents a mysterious astronaut in "NASA".

San Franciscan Michael Green's ethereal "Moonview" was created using "Fun With Art" software.

We're not sure if our third microscreen, "Buddah" is supposed to be a scene from another planet or another dimension. Steven Dong, a medical school senior at the University of Texas, San Antonio, used up "valuable sleep time" to draw this with his Atari Touch Tablet.

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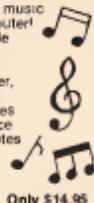
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I want to praise Antic for having the brains to publish "Brain Research with the Atari." I was sure an article like this would have been considered of too limited interest to have been published. Personally, I'd like to hear more about constructive uses of the Atari. I'm tired of games. Why can't your magazine offer a wider spectrum of articles?

Chuck Smithson  
Reno, NV

We want to be of use to our readers. The only way we can be of use is to know what readers want to see, and the best way to communicate this is to write us.

—ANTIC ED

## CURING COLOR DISTORTION

I have a problem with my BMC color monitor: distortion is caused when I use the RF modulator and my Atari. Contrasting colors aren't sharp, but often bleed several pixels to the right or cast shadows. Even in BASIC, using the default colors, characters cast a shadow about one-third the character width, to the right.

I sent the computer to Atari and they said it was a problem with the 1200XL. When they were done, it was "fixed," several changes had been made in the computer, and the problem still exists. Calling back, I was told they did not know how to fix it. Can you help me?

Michael Rutherford  
Houston, TX

We're passing this along to you, our readers. If anyone has a solution, or ideas, let us know. —ANTIC ED

## I/O ODDITY

When I work in immediate mode and I write

POKE 710,0: POKE 709,9:  
LOAD "D FILE.EXT"

I hear the loading program sound before the screen turns black. Why?

Ivan Antezana  
Lima, Peru

Every 1/30th of a second, during the steep two vertical blank interval, certain registers in the operating system (OS) in

ROM look into related registers in RAM and steal the values for their own use. The RAM registers are called shadow registers to the ROM registers. In the case of your program line, 709 and 710 are shadow registers for locations \$3271 and \$3272. The program line is being processed so fast by BASIC that it begins execution of the file I/O before the OS registers can get the new color values from the shadow registers. During I/O, the Critical I/O Region Flag at location 66 is set, which suspends the vertical blank transfer process, and the ROM registers have to wait to get their new colors. If you add just the slightest delay after the two POKEs in your line, (such as PRINT CLOG(\$)) the registers will have the time to transfer colors and your screen will change before the drive runs. —ANTIC ED

## RIBBON RESURRECTION

A tip for Atari 1027 printer owners: If you've had the same trouble I've had finding replacement ink rollers, buy an inexpensive stamp pad ink (roller type) and ink the roller with it. This produces much clearer, better defined letters than even a new roller!

Gene Schoepp  
Barngat, NJ

## ACTION! HELP

OSS's Mike Pitch was kind enough to pass along some information regarding Dave Plotkin's "Lights, Camera, ACTION!" article in the July 1984 issue. The SAVETEMPS and GETTEMPS routines described there are adequate only if the interrupt routine does not perform mathematical operations other than addition and subtraction. The following versions of those routines will work properly in more general cases. Change the arrays in SAVETEMPS and GETTEMPS to the following:

```
SAVETEMPS = ["$A2 $07 $B5 $C0 $48  
$B5 $A8 $48 $B5 $A0 $48 $B5 $B0  
$48 $C0 $10 $E2 $A5 $D3 $48"]  
GETTEMPS = ["$68 $85 $D5 $A2 $00  
$68 $95 $80 $68 $95 $A0 $68 $95  
$A8 $68 $95 $C0 $E8 $ED $08 $D0  
$F0"]
```

## STAR RAIDERS

In response to Carol Waskowski's inquiry in the July I/O Board about others attaining Star Commander Class 1 in Star Raiders, I can proudly announce that I have obtained that level on many occasions. (Although Star Raiders remains one of the most popular Atari games, only a handful of readers indicated that they have achieved commander 1 status.—ANTIC ED)

The difference between Star Commander 5 and 1 is one's efficient use of energy. Here are some tips to help you save energy and improve your score.

When entering an enemy-occupied quadrant, don't engage your engines. Let enemy ships come to you. Never chase enemies with damaged engines, for the energy you waste is more than the value of the enemy ship.

Attempt to destroy distant ships as soon as they are in sight range, about 120 centrons. This requires pinpoint firing, but can be done with practice. This helps avoid the close combat that is so deadly at higher levels—hits on your shields cost 100 units each.

Always know where the nearest starbase is, and follow the advice in the third paragraph of survival tactics in the game booklet.

Turn off shields when you're not in combat. This saves energy. There is a chance of asteroid collision, but it is slim.

There are other tips, but this should help. The main idea is to conserve energy.

David Horne  
Foster City, CA

## WIPE OUT YOUR PROGRAM WITH ONE SIMPLE POKE

For those jaded Atari owners who are looking for just one more thing to do with their machines, we offer the following POKE 202,1. Place this poke in your favorite program and your program will be wiped from memory when it ends. Your program will also be wiped if you hit [BREAK] or [SYSTEM RESET]. In fact, anything which generates the READY prompt will result in closure of the pro-

# help!

gram. Interesting possibilities for protection schemes, no? Location 202 is the Load in Progress flag. When it has been set (by poking with a 1) the computer begins part of the load procedure immediately following the generation of the READY prompt. Among other things, the load procedure clears all program lines and variables from memory. —ANTIC ED

## INVESTIGATING WITH ATARI

I am in the business of motor vehicle accident investigation and reconstruction. Are there any Atari programs available for purchase that deal with accident investigation, vehicle weights and measurements?

Eldon Shannon  
Huntsville, AL

We don't know of any, but if anyone does, we'll pass the information along.

—ANTIC ED

## INTERFACING COMPUTERS

I own both an Atari and a TRS Model 100. I use the TRS extensively at work and on the road, and the Atari at home. I would like to transfer text and download files from the TRS to the Atari.

Denny Bowen  
Crystal Lake, IL

Please see the "Electronic Notebook" article in the July 1984 issue of *Antic*. It describes techniques for using the RS-232 connector (you'll need an 850 interface) and terminal software for both computers. This allows the machines to transfer data in ASCII. —ANTIC ED

## THE EDGE OF LETTER PERFECT

When using Letter Perfect on my color TV I can't see the first letters on the left. This may be due to the kind of TV I'm using here in the Amazon jungle. Is there anything I can do about this?

Carlos Malaga  
Inquitos, Peru

The new Letter Perfect (version 6.0) has a Fix Window Width function that allows you to set the width of your display. Press [CTRL] [S]. If you don't have this updated version, contact IJK Enterprises. —ANTIC ED

## MISSING INFOBITS

The assembly language source listing for "Infobits" (*Antic*, Dec. 1984) was left out of the previous issue. You'll find it in this issue's Software Library. —ANTIC ED

## MISSING LINE IN ADVENT X-5

If you're running into a bit of trouble during your adventures in "Advent X-5" (*Antic*, Nov. 1984), it may be due to a missing line. Add the following line: 8020 RUN. If the program locks up, you may be mistyping line 1005. The "TYP0 II" code for that line is EJ. Watch out for the character just before the inverse f in that line; it's a [CTRL] [B].

## LITTLE BROTHER INSTALLED PROPERLY

I have found a problem with the installation of a color monitor with my Atari 400.

I used your article "Little Brother Grows Up," (April 1984) for a guide. The schematic on page 106 shows resistor R11 to have a value of 2.2 Ohms. This should be 2.2 kilo Ohms.

Matt Orie  
Budd Lake, NJ

Thanks—this is the first time we'd heard about this. It's harder to test hardware fixes than it is to try new software, and we appreciate all the comments we get.

—ANTIC ED

## BIFFDROP

Last month's Game of the Month, "Biffdrop," by J.D. Casten had some pretty tough lines to type in. Now that we have a new "Typo" program, we thought you might like the "Typo II" line-by-line codes followed by the line numbers. See the "Typo II" instruction article in this issue.

MH 510	JE 4002
BQ 515	SB 4003
UC 520	CO 4004
BT 525	YA 4005
AV 580	YA 4006
IV 4000	MM 9000
KP 4001	

## ANTIC 4/5 EDITOR

Because of some interesting quirks in the Atari XL screen editing system, the DEMO listing of the "Antic 4/5 Editor Animator" (page 66, October 1984), will not run without the Translator disk. To get DEMO to run without Translator, change both 36's in line 52 to 35, and change the 39 in line 522 to 38.

## PLAYFUL PROFESSOR

We would like to thank you for the honorable mention given to us in the October 1984 issue of *Antic* for our Playful Professor Math Tutor. However, there is a cassette version for the Atari.

Roger Shiffman  
Screenplay Intelligent  
Statements  
Des Plaines, IL

## MISSING TANK LINES

In our September Help! column, we ran a letter with improvements for "Use BASIC to Animate". Unfortunately, some lines were omitted from the letter. We print them below.

Add these lines:

```
1381 POKE 752,1:7 :7 "NUMB  
ER OF PLAYERS (2,3, OR 4)"  
::INPUT K  
1382 IF K<2 OR K>4 THEN ?  
CHR$((125)):GOTO 1381  
1383 ? CHR$(125)  
1384 IF K<3 AND K>>4 THEN  
POKE 53249,8  
1385 IF K>4 THEN POKE 532  
58,8
```

Change these lines to read:

```
1178 D1=D1+1:IF K=4 THEN A  
=PEEK(6543):ON C:(A=7)*2+CA=1  
1179 +3*(A=13)+4*(A=14)) 605  
UB 598.668.738.888:POKE 53  
278,1  
1180 D2=D2+1:IF K=3 OR K=4  
THEN A=PEEK(6533):ON C:(A=7  
*2+CA=11)*(A=13)+4*(A=1  
4)) 605UB 318.388.458.528:  
POKE 53278,1
```

Note that line 1180 is overlapping and must be entered without spaces.

# STARTING A BULLETIN BOARD PART II

## Antic Pix BBS Software

by SUZI SUBECK

You read last month's **Antic** article about starting your own bulletin board and you've had an extra phone line installed. You're ready to dedicate your Atari system to a BBS, but... where do you go from here? This month **Antic** answers two of the most frequently asked telecomputing questions, "What is the best BBS equipment—and where can I get it?"

First of all, there is no standard "best" configuration for an Atari-based bulletin board—literally dozens of combinations of equipment will work. What's best for you depends on your overall BBS goals, as well as the amount of cash you can spare for this project.

### HARDWARE

The heart of a BBS is an auto-answer modem, which will allow your system to function in your absence. Certain modems require the currently hard-to-find Atari 850 interface. You will also need a printer and disk drives. The number and capacity of drives you use will determine the amount of programs you can upload and download.

The annual Buyers' Guide in **Antic** last month gave you our picks of the best modems, disk drives and printers at various price points and with a wide range of features.

### SOFTWARE

Probably the most important factor in choosing BBS software is to make sure it's compatible with your hardware—and does all the jobs you want. There are several types of bulletin board software (Also see **Antic**, July and August, 1984). Here's where to get the most popular BBS operating programs:

**FOREM** will run on any Atari with one to four disk drives of any density—including both 5 1/4-inch and eight-inch disk drives. There are versions that operate with the Atari 850, the ATR 8000 CP/M interface, and other configurations. One version is tailored specifically for the MPP modem.

Matt Singer, the author of **FOREM**, sells all versions of the software from his Maryland home, with the exception of the latest MPP version which is sold directly by MPP for \$50. Singer is currently selling **FOREM XL** for \$100. Once you have purchased a program from Singer, regular updates are available for downloading from his BBS, or you can get updates by sending him a blank disk with \$5 for postage and handling.

**AMIS** software is in the public domain. Easily downloaded from various bulletin boards, **AMIS** comes in three main varieties, **MACE AMIS**,

**Standard AMIS** and **Fast AMIS**.

**MACE** stands for Michigan Computer Enthusiasts. And this large users group makes the software available from the Main MACE and MACE West boards at least twice weekly. It's a good idea to call ahead and find out what nights **AMIS** will be offered.

**Standard AMIS** is regularly available for downloading from the CLAUG BBS. From time to time, it is also found on most other boards running **AMIS**. You can also get it by sending a blank disk and return postage to the sysop of just about any regular **AMIS** BBS.

**Fast AMIS** has built-in modem commands for a Hayes Smartmodem. It requires some modification to run with an MPP, Signalman Mark 7 or Mark 12 modem. **Fast AMIS** requires a different method of auto-answer than other BBS programs, and demands a different setting of the modem's internal DIP switches.

**Fast AMIS** is one of the easiest programs to run because it's virtually self-maintained. Message files compact automatically. The program does not require a printer on-line as **FOREM** does, and the only jobs the sysop must perform are erasing the caller log and rotating uploads and downloads regularly. **Fast AMIS** is available

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# CAN YOU SURVIVE 50 MISSION CRUSH?

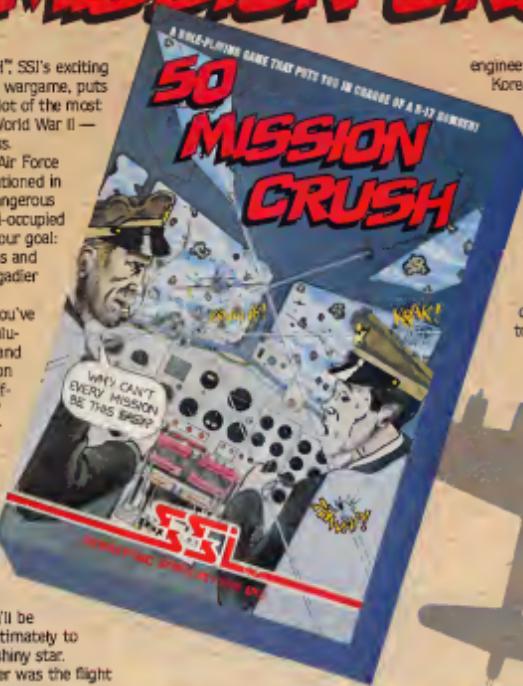
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for downloading from the Valley Girl BBS at least once a week or by request.

Carnival software is essentially AMIS with an overlay to allow for private messages and passwords. It's no longer available from regular sources, but presumably could be obtained from a private owner. Carnival fell from wide usage because it demands a large amount of disk space and requires every bit of memory your system has.

If you plan to operate your BBS with an ATR 8000, you'll need to use MYDOS to boot the RS-232 handler, which will allow you to communicate with your modem. Because MYDOS returns different RS-232 status values than does Atari DOS, and because MYDOS has a different directory structure, you will probably need to modify any BBS software. Differences from the Atari DOS are pointed out

in the MYDOS documentation.

Most sysops are more than happy to help out a sysop-to-be. They can provide you with a set of guidelines to use in setting up your board. Most of the long established systems you call today have experimented with various configurations of hardware and software, so they can offer excellent advice. Help is only a phone call away.

### BBS SOFTWARE SOURCES

#### Fast AMIS

Public domain from Valley Girl  
(312) 747-4247

#### MACE AMIS

Public domain from Main MACE  
(313) 978-1685; MACE West  
(313) 589-0657

#### STANDARD AMIS

Public domain from CLAUG  
(312) 889-1940.

#### FOREM XL

\$100. Matthew Singer, 6005 Cherry-

wood Court, Apt. 301, Greenbelt, MD, 20770. (301) 474-7583—voice, 5-8 PM, EST. (301) 474-7591—modem, 24 hours.

#### FOREM MPP

\$50. Microbits Peripheral Products, 225 W. Third Street, Albany, OR 97321. (503) 967-9075.

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### BIGGEST BBS LIST STARTS NEXT MONTH!

Starting with February, in the next few issues of Antic we'll print the most complete and current list of Atari bulletin board systems we know of. This list is compiled by the Boise Users Group BBS, it's updated bi-weekly, and names close to 250 active Atari boards.

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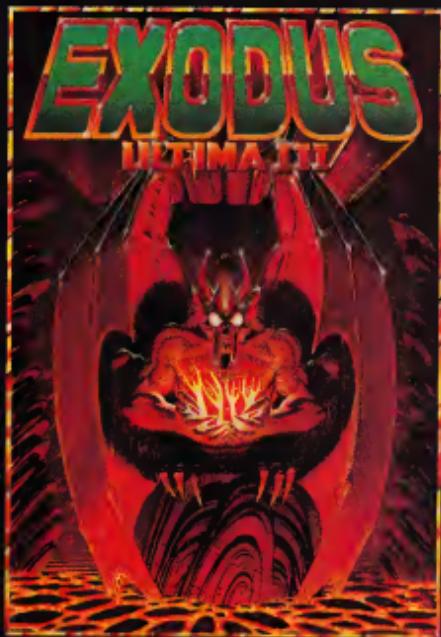


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# BASIC SEARCHER

**"Global search" for programmers**

by SCOTT SHECK

Global search is one of the most useful editing functions found in good word processing software. Now you can make use of the same powerful editing tool when you're revising or debugging your own BASIC programs.

BASIC Searcher is a utility that can find all the lines containing any BASIC command, operator, function or variable in your program. It is compatible with BASIC XL (O.S.S.) and can be used with any BASIC program having line numbers between 31900.

First, type in the program listing, check it with TYPO II, and LIST it to disk using LIST "D:SEARCH.LST". Cassette owners should type LIST "C;"

## HOW TO USE BASIC SEARCHER

Once the computer has a BASIC program in memory, type ENTER "D:SEARCH.LST" or "ENTER C:" to merge your program with BASIC Searcher. Your program MUST be in memory before you ENTER the BASIC Searcher program!

Next, type GOTO 31900. After a brief pause, a list of your program's variables will appear on the screen. Occasionally, this list will include variables which no longer exist. This occurs because BASIC Searcher references your program's Variable Name Table which, in the case of a SAVED file, may have retained previous

*BASIC Searcher finds the lines containing any command, operator, function or variable in your BASIC program. The program works on all Atari computers of any memory size. Atari Disk subscribers, follow the directions in the article.*

ously deleted variables. To clear the Variable Name Table, LIST your program to disk or cassette, type NEW, and ENTER your program again.

Each variable in the list will be accompanied by a reference number. To locate a particular variable in your program, type in its corresponding reference number and press [RETURN].

Now, type [S] to have your results printed on the screen, or [P] to have your output sent to a printer.

The program will print an "END OF SEARCH" message when it's through. If you want to perform another search, type [Y]. If not, type [N] and BASIC Searcher will erase itself from your program.

BASIC Searcher can also find BASIC reserved words, constants and character strings. Just type in a reference number from the accompanying Table. If you were looking for every occurrence of the POKE command, for example, you'd type in [31] and press [RETURN].

Although BASIC Searcher will find

all references to specific variables, it cannot isolate individual constants or character strings. If you're searching for constants (reference number 14) or strings (number 15), BASIC Searcher will print out all references to every constant or string in your program.

## HOW IT WORKS

BASIC Searcher looks for tokens, the one-byte codes which the Atari's BASIC interpreter uses to represent reserved words, variables and other pieces of information.

Tokens for BASIC reserved words are represented by ATASCII characters 0 through 84. The computer represents your program's variables with ATASCII characters 128 through 255. (This is why a program may not have more than 128 variables.)

As the computer interprets a BASIC program, each variable is assigned a token, beginning with ATASCII 128, and this token is appended to the Variable Name Table. At the same time, the variable's name is added to the Variable Name List, and its value is stored in the Variable Value Table. The computer uses these tables to keep track of your program's variables. BASIC Searcher looks through the Variable Name Table and the Variable Name List when analyzing your program.

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- 10 GOTO
- 11 GO TO
- 12 GOSUB
- 13 TRAP
- 14 all constants or BYE
- 15 all strings or CONT
- 16 COM
- 17 CLOSE
- 18 CLR or
- 19 DEG or S
- 20 DIM or
- 21 END or
- 22 NEW
- 23 OPEN
- 24 LOAD
- 25 SAVE or TO
- 26 STATUS or STEP
- 27 NOTE or THEN
- 28 POINT or \*
- 29 XIO or <= [arithmetic]
- 30 ON or <>
- 31 POKE or >=
- 32 PRINT or <
- 33 RAD or >
- 34 READ or =
- 35 RESTORE or
- 36 RETURN or \*
- 37 RUN or +
- 38 STOP or -
- 39 POP or /
- 40 ? or NOT
- 41 GET or OR
- 42 PUT or AND
- 43 GRAPHICS or (
- 44 PLOT or )
- 45 POSITION or = [arithmetic]
- 46 DOS or = [strings]
- 47 DRAWTO or <= [strings]
- 48 SETCOLOR or <>
- 49 LOCATE or >=
- 50 SOUND or <
- 51 LPRINT or >
- 52 CSAVE or =
- 53 CLOAD or + [unary]
- 54 Implied LET or ~
- 55 ERROR [syntax] or [strings]
- 56 {[arrays]}
- 57 {[DIM arrays]}
- 58 {[functions]}
- 59 {[DIM strings]}
- 60 {[arrays]}
- 61 STR\$
- 62 CHR\$
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Scott Sheek is one of the most creative and prolific utility programmers appearing in *Antic*. Last month's issue featured his "Word Storage Space

Saver," an almost fiendishly clever method of reducing memory waste in text storage.

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# *Introducing*

# TYPO II

## *Easier proofreading for Antic type-ins*

**T**YPO (Type Your Program Once) by Bill Wilkinson of Optimized Systems Software started in the third issue of *Antic*—August, 1982. It was the first automatic proofreading program for type-in listings ever printed in a computer magazine. We reprinted TYPO several times and have been using it with all our listings ever since—but now TYPO is going into a well-deserved retirement.

### **ENTER TYPO II.**

The main trouble with the original TYPO is that it didn't show exactly what line contained a typing mistake. This made it too hard for beginners to use comfortably.

But TYPO II pinpoints every mistyped line—immediately after you type it. It can also find transposed characters which were invisible to its predecessor.

TYPO II even lets you use abbreviated commands. But don't mix up PRINT with [?].

Antic tapped Andy Barton ("Info Bits," Dec., 1984) to write TYPO II. Andy cheerfully put the program through an extensive debugging process to make it compatible with all Atari computer models. Then when we believed the program was perfected, we asked Bill Wilkinson to look at it. And Bill contributed some

ideas that enabled Andy to make TYPO II even shorter and simpler.

—ANTIC ED

### **HOW TO USE TYPO II**

TYPO II finds the exact lines where you make mistakes while typing in Antic BASIC listings. This short all-BASIC proofreading program starts in the January 1985 issue; it works with all Atari computers of any memory size.

Type in TYPO II and SAVE a backup copy to disk or cassette. (Users of the O.S.S. Basic XL cartridge must type SET 5,0 and SET 12,0 before they RUN the program.) To start TYPO II, type GOTO 32000. The TYPO II screen should appear displaying the instruction, "Type in a program line."

Respond by typing in the first line of any 1985 Antic BASIC program. You will see the line reappear near the bottom of the screen—with a two-letter code at the left of the line number. Check these code letters against the correct two-letter code printed left of the same line in the magazine listing.

If the codes don't match exactly, you mistyped something in *that* program line. Simply press [RETURN] and the line will move back towards the top of the screen for editing. Don't type in those two-letter correction codes as part of the program line.

When the codes are an exact match, just type the next program line.

**IMPORTANT:** To call up ANY previously typed line for checking with TYPO II, type an asterisk (\*), followed (with no spaces in-between) by the number of the first program line you want to proofread. Then press [RETURN]. Use this procedure to check every line of TYPO II before you proofread other Antic programs with it.

You can LIST your program by pressing [BREAK] and typing LIST. Switch back into TYPO II anytime by typing GOTO 32000.

To remove TYPO II from your program: Type LIST "D:FILENAME",0, 31999 (Cassette owners LIST "C:",0, 31999). Type NEW, then ENTER "D:FILENAME" (ENTER "C:" for cassettes). Your program is now in memory without TYPO II and can be SAVED or LISTed to disk or cassette.

(Of course, if you still get tired of typing in all six-or-more listings per issue—you can subscribe to *Antic Magazine + Disk* for only \$99.95 yearly, and send for back issue disks at just \$12.95 each. See order forms in this issue.)

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# INTERVIEWING DAN BUNTEN

## Designer of "Seven Cities of Gold" & "M.U.L.E."

by ARTHUR LEYENBERGER

*Ozark Softscape is located in the game design hotbed (?) of Little Rock, Arkansas and it has created two of the most impressive games available for the Atari—the 1983 award winning science-fiction economic simulation M.U.L.E. and 1984's graphics-scrolling conquistador simulation Seven Cities of Gold. Both of these remarkable games are marketed by Electronic Arts (2755 Campus Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403, 415-571-7171).*

The principal game designer and most visible spokesman of Ozark Softscape is Dan Bunten, whose earlier games include Computer Quarterback, Cytron Masters, and Cartels & Cutthroats.

The rest of Ozark Softscape consists of:

*Bill Bunten, Dan's brother, who has a Master of Business Administration degree and shares the design responsibility with Dan as well as being the primary play tester.*

*Jim Rushing, another MBA, who is kept busy writing most of the heavy-duty number-crunching code for the Ozark games.*

*Alan Watson, whose specialty is graphics and animation programming. He has a math background and ten years' experience in high-end stereo retailing.*

*Ozark Softscape has developed a game development routine, during its two years of existence. All four members decide what type of player*

*experiences they want in their next game. Then Dan or Bill will produce a topic, flesh it out and bring it in for discussion. After the opening rounds, Dan and Bill come up with a game skeleton, including memory requirement estimates. From there, the work, and the fun, really begins.*

*Dan Bunten does not fit the programmer stereotype. Although he is an engineer by training, he prefers not to talk of bits and bytes but about what can be created with leading-edge technology. His interests range widely, from social biology to science-fiction, from philosophy to history and education . . .*

**Antic:** How did you get the idea for Seven Cities?

**Bunten:** When my brother Bill and I were kids, my uncle gave us a book on the Conquistadors and we thought, Wow! Then there was a strategy board game from SSI, a war game called Conquistador that was part of their magazine. That was neat but it was awfully unplayable. We had a list of themes that were of interest to us and when we were ready to begin a new project we did not want to do another multi-player game like M.U.L.E. So we looked down the list and said, "Here's Conquistador."

Actually, we were not too excited about it at first. But as we started to do the research on it, we thought we could really do something good. After two months of research and just free-flowing ideas, we spent another

month writing the story boards. Then six months of coding and it was out.

**Antic:** How far into the initial research phase do you go before you decide whether the concept will succeed?

**Bunten:** Normally, we just try to push through. To a certain extent we can always figure something out. Since there are a lot of people involved somebody will usually have an idea. There are the four of us in Ozark Softscape, there's our publishers at Electronic Arts, our play testers—somebody is going to come up with something.

The big idea with Seven Cities is the concept of Discovery. We have a giant world; spread it out, and it would be 12 by 20 feet. You are sitting there with a 3-1/2 inch window on this 12 by 20 foot world. That's big. You will never have a sense of knowing everything. You get lost or end up in the boonies.

The other things were to keep a pace going, to be fun, to be easy. To transfer things was the most awkward part of the game. Yet it is actually pretty simple compared to other alternatives. But next time we will do those even better.

**Antic:** I think the game really does capture the flavor of what the Conquistadors must have been feeling. Especially with the random continent feature.

**Bunten:** Yes, in a random continent game, even when you find land, you

don't know what will be there. You can end up with a randomly generated continent full of a higher tech civilization than the Europeans.

Our model for that was the Japanese and Chinese. If the Conquistadors had landed in China or Japan, the Europeans would not have had a chance. They couldn't have come in and said, "We're going to blow you away and take everything you've got." They would have been lucky to get enough food to go back home.

**Antic:** When I first received Seven Cities, I thought, "Oh no, the manual doesn't tell you anything!" Then I started playing the game and figuring things out. The manual gives a historical perspective.

**Bunten:** Most people would just start playing the game. We looked at the possibility of not having to use a manual. We gave our testers just a disk and didn't say anything. It didn't go over wonderfully but some people loved the idea of discovering all of it.

And then I would get a call from somebody saying, "I can't get off my ship." They had never pushed the button standing still, to find the pull down menus. And "Drop Stuff Off" didn't sound like how you would get off your ship. Some of that has to be explained.

**Antic:** I thought "Drop Stuff Off" sounded a little strange.

**Bunten:** We pondered over that. If Antic readers can come up with a better phrase, we might even change it for the next version of the game. We were going to drop "stuffed" off (a Spanish word for it). We thought about "Transfer". Actually it was my wife's idea. I explained to her that what we were trying to do was drop stuff off, and she said why don't you just call it that. So we put it into a preliminary version and it stayed.

**Antic:** One feature of Seven Cities that I find difficult to understand is the way you might bump into the natives and accidentally kill them.

Even when I am very careful, I still end up killing a few innocent natives.

**Bunten:** Because you don't share a language with the natives, your only

way of communicating is by the gestures you make . . . your body language. All the natives can look at is

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time. The four basic commodities—are used by the players to increase their wealth and the overall well-being of the settlement.

M.U.L.E., for "multiple use labor element," represents a machine that allows colonists to get things done. During each round, players must vie for plots of real estate. Then they choose whether to produce energy or food, or to mine their land for Smithore (used in the manufacturing of M.U.L.E.s) or Crystite (much like diamonds). Players then sell surpluses and buy commodities.

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## INTERVIEWING DAN BUNTEIN

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whether your gestures seem neutral or hostile. The potential for missed cues on both sides is enormous. It may be stretching it, but we actually designed that specifically. Unfortunately it ended up looking like an arcade game that doesn't quite work, because these guys just bump into things and die.

**Antic:** Do you have any strategy tips for playing Seven Cities?

**Bunten:** The peaceful approach really works best. I have not used a totally depraved approach and won. You've got to have some friends somewhere. If something goes wrong, you need a friendly mission where you can go back and not have to worry about an insurrection or something. A place you can return to and know that there will be food, for example. You need a series of these relatively safe places even if you are going on a conquest mission.

If you continually abuse the natives you will eventually see a message from the king saying "Don't treat the natives so badly. But keep the gold coming." This double standard is straight out of history.

**Antic:** You treat the morality question in an interesting way.

**Bunten:** I do not want to preach to the player what is right and wrong. But I want to give them a chance to get in touch with themselves about how they do feel. In play testing we found that people would rationalize why they used force against the natives. They would say things like, "I only did it because the natives asked for too many gifts". People felt they had to explain their behavior.

**Antic:** How do you win Seven Cities?

**Bunten:** However you want. Seven Cities is a process type game, you go along like real life. Life doesn't have ends and wins and things like that. It has processes that you go through and at times you stand back and say, "Hey,



I've done pretty good so far!" Set your own goals really high and say, "That's how I win." Then go for it.

**Antic:** In a way, this is really a learning game.

**Bunten:** Learning and fun are not mutually exclusive terms. Play is an important element in our lives. It is unfortunate that as adults we tend to regard play as a separate activity which you do when you have a little free time—rather than say there is a natural joy in learning.

As adults, our real joy comes from learning new things. Discovering or learning something new is done for pleasure. That's what it is all about. Having the opportunity to expand yourself, that's what is entertaining and educational.

**Antic:** How did you become involved with programming?

**Bunten:** I started out in Industrial Engineering and one of the first courses we had to take was programming, Fortran on a big IBM. The first time I got it to print  $A + B = C$  I was so excited, I did it and then I figured out that I could also make it print out little pictures with letters on a line printer. I thought it was wonderful and I knew someday I was going to have my own computer, but I figured that I would have to be a millionaire first.

As it turned out, I got my first Apple computer in 1979 and I could do things at home. I was working as an Industrial Engineer and had access to a computer at work. So I wrote a few games for the enjoyment of myself

and friends. I did some really goofy stuff.

**Antic:** Are you limited because of the hardware?

**Bunten:** That's a cop-out if we blame the hardware. The hardware helps but it isn't all there is. Look at the hardware of a book. I mean it is black and white on a piece of paper and yet it comes across. It's grammar among other things. We don't even know the software's grammar yet, much less how to develop characters and carry a plot line. We have ways to go and are really at the beginning. But it is fun to be part of it.

**Antic:** What was your first commercial program?

**Bunten:** Wheeler Dealer. No one remembers it, only a hundred were sold. It was a 16K cassette game for the Apple. Integer Basic, and it required this hardware thing we made ourselves to allow four people to do the bidding in the game.

**Antic:** Does a person who wants to break into the game design field have to be a super coder?

**Bunten:** Not necessarily. There are a lot of good designers around who aren't great programmers. But knowledge of coding helps. Because you know the machine and when you push the boundaries you know what you can and cannot do. Knowing about human engineering also helps.

**Antic:** The human interface is really one of the strong points of Electronic Arts products. Their ease of use is a hallmark.

**Bunten:** It's amazing—M.U.L.E. was done years ago in an entirely different form for a 16K Apple—a real-time stock market simulation. It didn't go anywhere and probably never could have if it wasn't for a company like Electronic Arts. Their ability to support and guide us and to pull together ideas really helped. And patting us on the back, too, because we need a lot of that. We are out in the boondocks and

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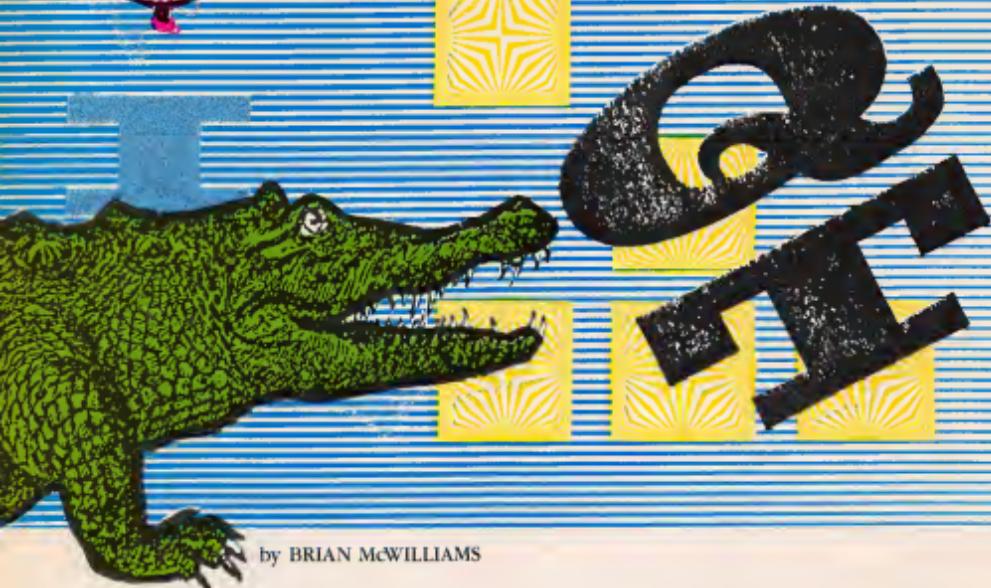
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## game of the month



by BRIAN McWILLIAMS

*QT* is an inventive arcade game boasting three different screens, each with six increasingly nerve-wracking levels of difficulty. The BASIC program runs on all Atari computers with 24K memory for cassette or 32K for disk. *Antic Disk* subscribers, RUN "D:QT.BAS"

Meet QT., a cute little bird who lives inside a dangerous arcade game. If you care about wildlife preservation, you'll help QT. survive six increasingly difficult levels of game play—on three different screens.

The first screen is crowded with ice cubes as QT. races the timer to put four corner blocks in their assigned positions. QT. gets points for eating cubes, or kicking them against the side walls with the joystick button. If the timer runs out before the (inedible) corner blocks are all correctly placed, "Bye bye, QT." There's less time at each higher level.

Your score is displayed in the upper left corner, the number of remaining lives is at the upper right. Displayed

at the lower right are all bonus objects collected. High score also remains displayed until the computer is turned off.

A bonus object waits on a platform at the right of the second screen, while a deadly snapping jaw threatens from the left. QT. stands at the bottom of the playfield and can only move left or right—while catching objects falling from the top. Every missed object brings the snapping jaw closer; every object caught brings the bonus object nearer. Oh yes, QT. must dodge some of the falling objects—birdie-crushing I-beams.

QT. takes to the air in the third screen, trying to pop as many balloons as possible. Each balloon carries an item worth points. QT. moves left or right with the joystick. Pressing the fire button causes QT. to flap. Without flapping, QT. glides down. Balloons move faster in the higher levels.

QT. can die by gliding off the screen, or by getting crushed with a falling object. If all six levels of the

game are survived, QT. will be safe at last on the "You Win!" screen.

Type in the QT. listing, check it with TYPO II, SAVE a back-up copy and RUN the game. Your screen will go blank for about 10 seconds and then display the title screen. Press the joystick button to start. And be sure to press [RESET] before re-running the game.

*Brian McWilliams is 17 and a senior at Alpena High School in Michigan, where he's able to take quite a few computer classes. He's currently working on an action game called "Droids."*

### Q.T. PROGRAM TAKE-APART

10	Dimension variables
20	Get high score
50-90	Title page
100-160	Main module
200-650	1st board

## game of the month

800-1030	2nd board	MOVES	Holds ML subroutine for moving the character set		to fall or item attached to balloon
1050-1630	3rd board			INSET	Internal character code for character to be changed
1600-1630	Death routine on 3rd board	A	Reads stick position, loop variable, and other various uses	IP	Object or balloon X-position
1640-1710	Q.T. introduces new bonus item	B,X,Y	Loop variable and other various uses	IV	Item value
1800-1840	"You Win!" routine	BC	Bird color	JUNK	Variable used for USR call
7000-7310	Subroutines	BI	Bonus item color	LIVES	Number of lives left
7090	Erase screen	BIC	Bonus item counter	LL,LR,UL,UR	Checks corners on first board
7100	Display score	BLL	Balloon color	NH	Number of objects caught
7110-7120	Display lives	BILY	Balloon Y-position	NM	Number of objects missed
7130	Display time	BONUS	Bonus accumulator	O	Used instead of "0"
7190-7260	Death routine	BRD	Board counter	OFF	Used instead of "7290"
7270	Poke high score into memory	C	Used to check an object's path for obstacles	SCORE	Current score
7300-7310	Takes care of timer	C1	Use instead of "1"	TIME	Time remaining
10000-10060	Changes character set	CC	Check corner blocks' path for obstacles	XP	X-position of Q.T.
10070-10075	Data for USR call	CHANGE	Reads Data for new character set	XX	Loop variable
10080-10180	Character set Data	FR	Falling rate and rising rate for objects or balloons	YP	Y-position of Q.T.
		HI	Holds high score	Z	Value of bonus item
		IC	Item color for object		

### Q.T. VARIABLE LIST

A\$      Holds value of high score before POKEing it into memory

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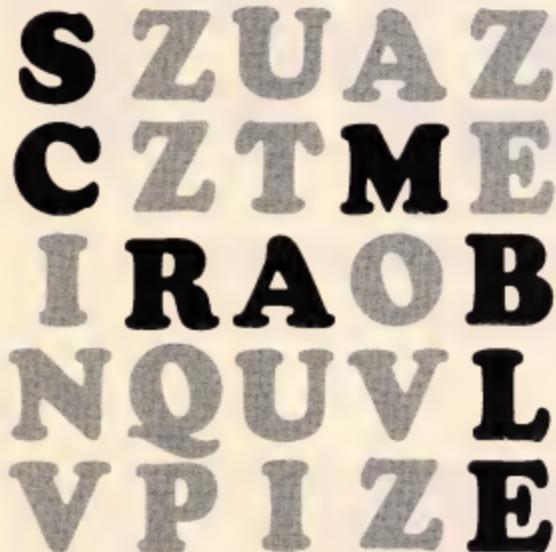
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letter, mark it, and so on until the word has been spelled out completely. Then position the cursor over any one of these marked letters and press the fire button again to enter the word into a string array, from which your score will later be tallied.

Remember, the letters in the sequence must be adjacent (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally). For example, in the grid below, "darling" is legal while "ding" is not. "Dared" is illegal since a specific letter may be used only once in each word.



by F. NEIL SIMMS

required to win may be chosen by pressing the SELECT key at the beginning of the game. Words must be between three and ten letters long.

To play, first type in the listing, check it with TYPO, and SAVE an extra copy for safety.

Each player competes simultaneously by manipulating the cursor around each board with his or her joystick (plug the joysticks into ports number 1 and 2). When the cursor is positioned over the first letter of a word you have spotted, press the fire button to mark the letter. Proceed to the next

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Z	L	A	N	Z
Z	Z	I	Z	Z
Z	Z	Z	Z	Z

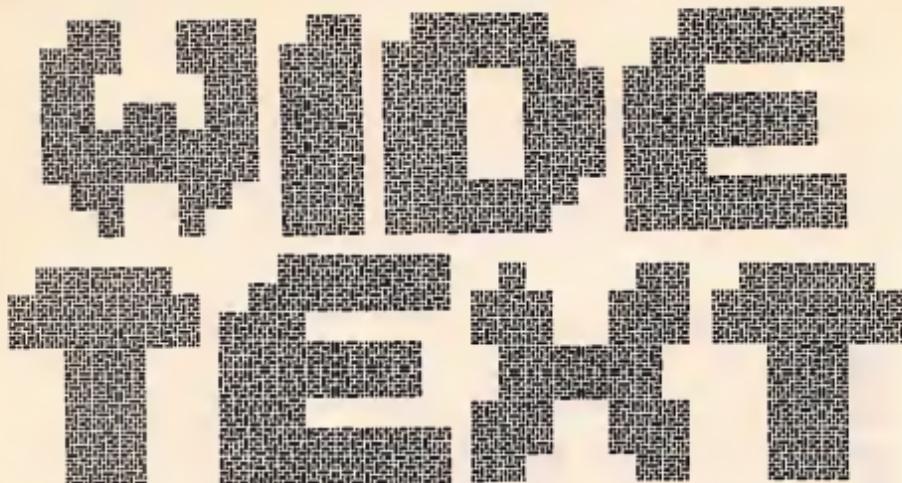
If you make a mistake while marking the letters, enter the erroneous word anyway; it will be deleted later when the words are reviewed at the end of the round.

The program surveys each player's set of words and deletes any duplicates. That is, if you enter the word "dog" twice in the same round, the second instance will be disregarded. Any duplicates will be displayed one at a time at the top of the screen, above the appropriate player's board. Press either fire button to pause during the review process.

Each player's words are presented for acceptance or rejection. A dictionary comes in handy here. Press either joystick to the left to accept a word and add its value to the player's score, or to the right to reject a word. After scoring is completed, if the minimum winning value has been reached, a winner is declared. Otherwise a new round is begun.

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## Bold letters beef up graphics 0

by BILL MORRIS

**I**t's been accepted as fact that you have to fold, spindle and mutilate the Atari display list in order to print bold, double-width Graphics 1 letters on a screen in the standard text mode, Graphics 0.

Even after you went through all this programming effort, you still wouldn't be allowed to put Graphics 1 letters on the same line as Graphics 0 letters. And inverse video Graphics 1 letters were completely out of reach.

WideText neatly solves all three problems. It's a short assembly language subroutine that lets you put standard or inverse Graphics 1 letters anywhere on a Graphics 0 screen. And you don't have to struggle with the display list.

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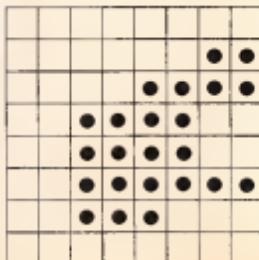
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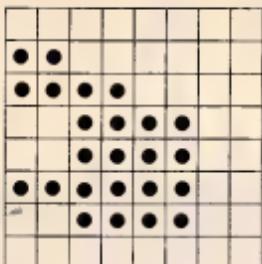
machine language programs. Antic is publishing WideText here in a longer BASIC demonstration version. The actual subroutine is in binary load format in lines 6400-6520 and 20000-20280. We're also providing the assembly language source code for the subroutine.

### HOW IT WORKS

WideText redefines portions of the computer's character set to simulate the Graphics 1 letters. For example, the letters [CTRL][A] and [a] have been redefined to look like:

[CTRL][A]





Now when [CTRL] [A] and [a] are printed next to each other, they look like an "A" in Graphics 1. It works the same way with any other letter. If you want a Graphics 1 "X," you type [CTRL] [X] and then [x]. WideText only works for letters, not with numbers, punctuation marks, or special characters.

The routine that does this is in lines 20000-20280. You can use it to mix Graphics 0 and Graphics 1 letters in your own BASIC programs. Once included in your program, you can turn it on with the statement X = USR (1536).

You can also type with WideText's simulated Graphics 1 letters. First, set the variable WIDE equal to [1]. Now as you're typing, the routine in lines 6400-6520 substitutes the wider Graphics 1 characters on the screen for each Graphics 0 letter. To type with Graphics 0 letters, set WIDE to [0].

## HOW TO USE WIDETEXT

Type in Listing 1, check it with TYPO II, and SAVE a backup copy. When you type RUN, the program will cycle through a demonstration of how WideText prints messages on the screen. You don't need to type either Listing 2 or Listing 3 in order to use Listing 1.

## USING ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE WIDETEXT

Listing 2 is the WideText assembly language source code. To use it you need either an Atari Assembler Editor or O.S.S. MAC/65 cartridge. SAVE a

backup copy after you type it in. Antic Disk subscribers, ENTER #D:WIDETEXT.ASM

Once a machine language program is assembled and you SAVE it as object code, it can become part of a BASIC program if it starts with a PLA instruction and ends with an RTS instruction.

Before BASIC can use object code, the code must be converted into DATA statements. Listing 3 will load the converted object code by POKEing this data into memory.

First, save the assembled machine code on a disk by typing SAVE #DPAGE6.OBJ<600,6FF

MAC/65 owners, type:  
ASM,,#D:PAGE6.OBJ

If you wish to save the source code too, type:

LIST #D:WIDETEXT.ASM

Next, turn off the computer. Then reboot it with BASIC DOS. Use option L to load the machine-language routine into Page Six.

Exit DOS and use Listing 3, the PEEKER program, to generate the necessary DATA statements. Type in Listing 3, check it with TYPO II and SAVE a backup copy before you RUN it. Antic Disk subscribers, follow the applicable instructions above before using the DATA statements it generates.

**IMPORTANT:** Remember to delete the PEEKER program before using the DATA statements it generates.

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## ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE TAKE-APART

This take-apart is for Listing 2, the assembly language source code of the DATA statements in Listing 1.

130-190 Sets the variables. Page Zero locations must be chosen carefully, since few are safe from BASIC.

200 Holds the starting address.

210 The PLA at the beginning of a machine-language subroutine exposes the Return-To-Basic address

on the 6502 stack.

220-370 Finds a 1K block of memory just below the bottom of screen memory and copies a slightly modified version of the ROM character set.

410-420 Stores unchanged copies of numerals and punctuation marks.

430-440 Stores unchanged versions of capital letters.

450 Uses the variable ONECHAR to store an extra copy of each value.

460-500 Shifts all bits in ONECHAR four places to the right, and stores the value in HALFCHAR.

510-520 Delete the leftmost four bits of ONECHAR.

530-540 Calls a subroutine that expands four-place bit patterns into eight-place bit patterns. Then, this new byte is stored as a control character. Eight of these bytes will form the right half of a wide letter.

550-580 Deletes the leftmost four bits of HALFCHAR, stretches the patterns to eight bits, and stores this new byte as a lower case letter. Eight of these bytes will form the left half of a wide letter.

590-620 Repeats character-redefining steps 208 times until we have a new alphabet. (26 letters x 8 bytes per letter = 208.)

630-730 Finishes copying and storing the character set.

740-750 Updates the character base pointer, 756 (\$02F4).

760 Contains the "Return from Subroutine" (RTS) instruction.

*Bill Morris is a San Francisco taxi driver. He just walked into Antic one day with the WideText program. He also showed us his outstanding almost-finished machine language action game called Taxicab Hill.*



# Touch Tablet

**H**ere is an idea whose time has come: Touch tablets are the best off-keyboard controller devices.

Various computer magazines have recently pointed out that the touch tablet is a lot easier and more natural to handle than the joystick, paddle, track-ball, custom keypad—or even those highly-touted and expensive newcomers, the mouse and the touch-screen. And just as *Antic* went to press, Koala Technologies Corp. unveiled an over-\$150 KoalaPad business applications controller for the higher-priced microcomputers.

This program lets you use the same principle with your Atari. You can incorporate Touch Tablet Controller into any BASIC program where the user must point to specific places on the screen. There's no reason why your KoalaPad or Atari Touch Tablet must be limited exclusively to graphics input.

Your computer "sees" the tablet as a pair of game paddles. The position of the stylus on the tablet's flat surface is defined by horizontal and vertical coordinates. The horizontal coordinate is read as PADDLE(0) and the vertical coordinate as PADDLE(1).

Similarly, the two touch tablet buttons are treated as game paddle trigger 0 (left button) and 1 (right button). Touch tablet buttons can also be read with the STICK(0) function as follows:

*Control the cursor in your own BASIC programs with a KoalaPad or Atari Touch Tablet. Perfect for selecting menu options or educational quiz answers. The program works on all Atari computers of any memory size. Antic Disk subscribers, RUN "D:KOALA.BAS".*

STICK(0) = 15 No buttons pressed  
= 11 Left tablet button  
= 7 Right tablet button  
= 3 Both tablet buttons  
= 14 Touch Tablet Stylus  
= 10 Stylus + left button  
= 6 Stylus + right button  
= 2 Stylus + both buttons

Unlike joysticks or game paddles, touch tablets can get from point A to point B while skipping all points in-between—not unlike a disk drive. We'll use this feature to create a tablet-controlled cursor. We'll also demonstrate how to use this cursor to choose options from menus and select answers in educational quizzes.

After you have used Touch Tablet Controller for a while, you'll probably think of other applications it can be adapted for. Please write to *Antic* about your discoveries, so other readers can share them.

## USING THE PROGRAM

Type in the program, check it with TYPO II and SAVE a backup copy.

If you are using an Atari Touch Tablet, at the start of line 70 you must [DELETE] 70 REM (which will give you a substituted line 60). Also, in line 40 change 1593 to 1596. Press [RETURN] after making each of these changes.

Now plug your KoalaPad or Atari Touch Tablet into joystick port 1 and type RUN.

There is a brief delay while the program starts. You will see a menu display with four options. Press the stylus against the touch tablet and a diagonal arrow appears on the screen. The arrow's color continuously pulses and changes.

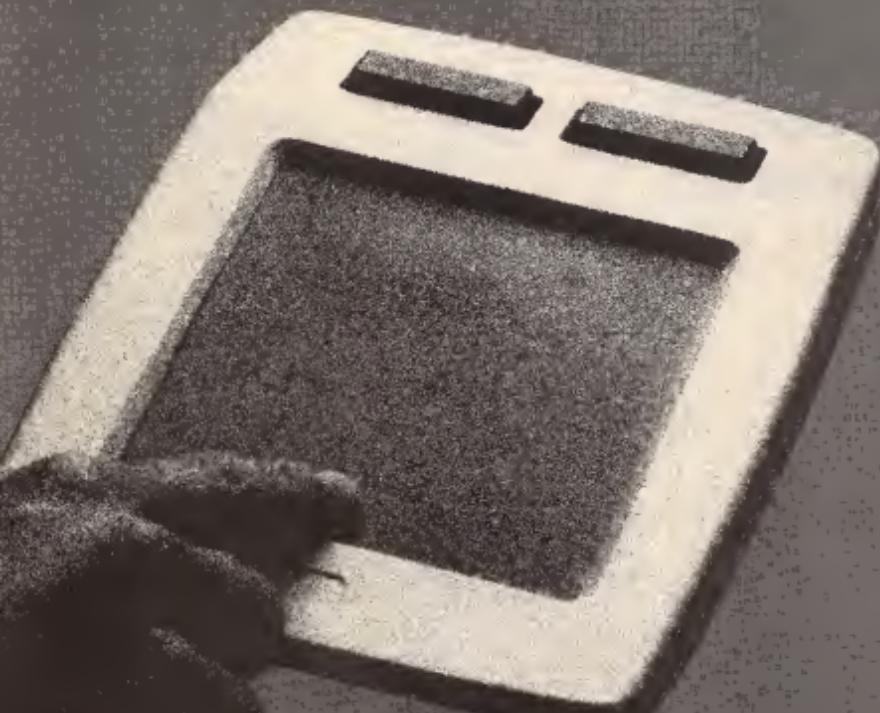
This arrow is your cursor. You can move the cursor around the

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screen by sliding the stylus on the touch tablet. Lift the stylus and the cursor disappears.

The cursor will not be visible when the stylus is near the left or right edges of the tablet. This happens because most TV sets are only able to display horizontal coordinate values between 48 and 210.

Point the arrow toward one of the menu items and press a touch tablet button. You'll see a display telling you that your selection was accepted and the program branched properly. Menu option two shows how to use the touch tablet to select answers to questions printed on the screen. Press any touch tablet button to return to the main menu.

This example illustrates how easily a touch tablet can be used to indicate screen positions and accept input from the user.

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

In BASIC, paddles 0 and 1 are read by PEEKING memory locations 624 and 625. The range of possible values for horizontal and vertical coordinates on the KoalaPad are 3 (extreme left or top) through 228 (extreme right or bottom). For the Atari Touch Tablet it's 9 (extreme left or bottom) and 228 (extreme right or top). If the stylus is not pressed against the tablet, the default paddle values are 3 for the KoalaPad, and 228 for the Touch Tablet.

The arrow cursor is set up as player 0, using single line resolution. A vertical blank interrupt (VBI) machine language routine is used to read the position of the stylus and set the horizontal and vertical positions of the cursor. The VBI also changes the color of the player 15 times per second to create the pulsing effect. Using a VBI like this allows the touch tablet to be read frequently without interfering with the rest of the BASIC program. The VBI

routine is turned on in line 370 with the statement A=USR(1536), and can be turned off with A=USR(AD).

Lines 260-310 set up a simple menu in Graphics 1. Line 400 loops until one of the touch tablet buttons is pressed. Lines 420-450 evaluate the vertical position of the stylus (PEEK(205)) and branch to appropriate routines for the different menu options. The button is ignored if the cursor is not pointing at one of the available options (line 460).

Options one and three show a screen display and wait for a button press to return to the menu (lines 470-520 and 680-730). The VBI is turned off when reaching these displays, so you won't see the arrow.

Option two poses a simple addition question and lets the user select an answer with the stylus and button. Line 590 evaluates the vertical coordinate of the cursor, and line 600 judges the horizontal coordinate. The empty FOR-NEXT loops keep the computer from reading the touch tablet button too rapidly.

The QUIT option in the menu goes to an exit routine at lines 740-760. This removes the cursor from the screen and turns off the VBI.

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**T**he day DISKIO arrived at Antic it became our in-house disk utility. It's that good!

DISKIO is a disk operations program that resides safely in memory and provides access to nearly all of the functions of DOS 2.0S directly from BASIC or from the Atari Assembler Editor cartridge. A number of similar "miniDOS" programs have appeared in various articles, but DISKIO removes the need for DUP.SYS more completely than any of these.

Moreover, DISKIO has a number of features that make it outstandingly easy to use, such as a two-column listing of the disk directory that is *alphabetized* and numbered, shortened commands that use those numbers, and a HELP menu that makes nearly everything self-explanatory.

Incredibly, that's not all! DISKIO also verifies poten-

memory automatically. A message will be displayed indicating that DISKIO is present and suggesting that you type HELP [RETURN] to see the commands. If you do so, the HELP menu will appear on the screen:

### DISKIO COMMANDS

DIR	Directory
DIRn	Dir. Drive n
FORMAT	Format disk
WDOS	Write DOS.SYS
.X->LI->	LISTD List to disk
.S->S.->	SAVE Save to disk
.E->E.->	ENTER Enter to mem.
.L->LO->	LOAD Load to mem.
.R->	RUND Run disk file
.K->	LOCK Lock file
.U->UN->	UNLOCK Unlock file
.N->RE->	RENAME Rename file
.D->DEL->	DELETE Delete file
.B->BL->	BLOAD Binary load
.M->M.->	MOVE Move file
.R9 runs #9 etc.	To use DOS type
KILL.	Reboot to restore DISKIO.



tially destructive commands, prevents renaming to an existing name, and is full compatible with the Atari BASIC and Assembly Editor cartridges.

Oh yes... and DISKIO occupies only 3K of memory, that's 25 disk sectors compared with 42 sectors for DUP.SYS. —ANTIC ED

### READYING DISKIO

Use a disk containing DOS 2.0S (if the DOS.SYS file is 39 sectors long it should be okay). Type in Listing 1 exactly as it appears. The program is designed to check itself, but if you use the new TYP0 II, you'll be able to find typing mistakes right after typing each line. Once you have the program correctly typed in, SAVE a backup copy then RUN it. The message "READY TO CREATE AUTORUN.SYS FILE?" will be displayed. Type [Y] and DISKIO will be created on disk as AUTORUN.SYS.

### USING DISKIO

Boot your system with the disk containing the new AUTORUN.SYS file you just created, plus either Atari BASIC or Assembly Editor. DISKIO will be loaded into



The first column of the HELP menu lists the abbreviated C commands which allow files to be designated by number rather than by name. The second column lists the abbreviated forms of the commands, the third lists the full command names, and the fourth gives a brief definition. Type DIR [RETURN] and the disk directory will be displayed in a manner similar to the one below:

### SAMPLE DISKIO DIRECTORY

1 ASMSRCH OBJ 002	8*DUP	SYS 042
2 ASMSRCH SRC 028	9 HMSG	SRC 010
3* AUTORUN SYS 025	10 RNMCHK SRC 021	
4* DISKIO OBJ 095	11 RTNLNTX SRC 004	
5* DISKIOC SRC 168	12 SCRSLT SRC 051	
6* DISKIOZ SRC 175	117 FREE SECTORS	
7* DOS SYS 039		

Notice that the directory is displayed in two columns, with the file names alphabetized and numbered. Up to 41 file names can be displayed simultaneously.

The DIRn command is discussed in the "Two Disk

Drives" section. The FORMAT command will format your disk after two safety prompts. The WDOS command will write DOS.SYS to the disk, but not DUP.SYS. The latter can be copied from another disk using the MOVE command (see below).

The .C commands (column 1 of the HELP menu) consist of a period, the command letter, and the file number. To use these commands the file name must be up on the screen as a result of a previous DIR command. For example, if 12\*MYFILE.SAV is displayed, instead of typing RUN"DI:MYFILE.SAV [RETURN], all you have to type is .R12 [RETURN]. You can rename a file by entering the following sequence of commands: .N12,NEWFILE.SAV [RETURN] [Y]. The [Y] is there because you are asked to verify all .C commands that might destroy data on the disk. To lock NEWFILE.SAV you would type DIR and then a .K command with the new file number.

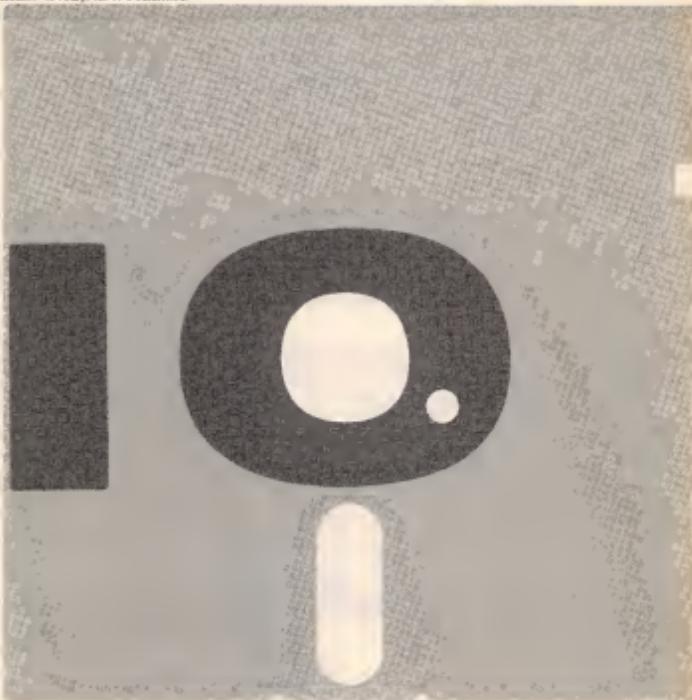
Columns 2 and 3 of the HELP menu show the abbrev-

iated and full commands which will require file names as part of the command. Unlike BASIC, the quotes and device designation are optional so that E MYPROG is the same as ENTER "D: MYPROG" (or ENTER#D: MYPROG for ASM/ED users).

These commands are handy when using wildcards to manipulate more than one file: LOCK \*\*. Keep in mind that with the exception of FORMAT, there is no safety prompt with these commands. If you type DEL:MYFILE, MYFILE will be deleted.

The RENAME command will not permit you to use the same name as an existing file (you know what havoc that causes!). The BLOAD command will recognize the /N suffix (even in the .C form, like .B10/N) to bypass the initialization and run steps in the binary load process.

The MOVE command functions like the Duplicate File option in the DOS menu. The file is copied into memory, then the system pauses and the message INSERT DISK2;



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by DR. BERNARD E. OPPENHIEM

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HIT ANY KEY (S = SCREEN) is displayed. If you type [S], the file will scroll up the screen. The scrolling can be halted and resumed by entering [CTRL] [I]. If you hit any other key the file is written back to the disk under the original file name. The only limitation here is that the file must fit into the available free RAM, or else the message "OUT OF RAM" will appear and the operation will be terminated. For 48K systems a file up to 233 sectors long can be moved when there is no program in memory.

To use DUPSYS (via the DOS command) you must first remove DISKIO by typing KILL [RETURN]. To restore DISKIO the system must be rebooted. If the system is booted with no cartridge, DISKIO will return control to DOS and the DUPSYS menu will appear. It should be noted that all DISKIO commands are active only at the READY level to keep DISKIO from interfering with user programs (think what trouble the KILL command would cause in an adventure game).

## TWO DISK DRIVES

All DISKIO commands can be used with two disk drives. The command DIRn will display the directory for Drive n, for n = 1, 2, 3, or 4. Furthermore, this command causes Drive n to become the default drive for all situations in which the drive number is not specified. For example, upon typing DIR2 [RETURN] the directory for Drive 2 is displayed, and a subsequent C command will refer to

files on that drive. FORMAT will format the disk in Drive 2 and WDOS will write DOS.SYS to it.

When using the MOVE command with two drives, only the files in drive 1 can be copied to the screen, and drive 1 files can only be moved to drive 1. However, when the directory for drive 2 is displayed, the MOVE command will automatically copy the designated file into memory, then immediately move it to drive 1 under the original file name.

## FOR ADVANCED USERS

DISKIO is located between \$1CFC and \$2934, and protects itself by moving up MEMLO. It reverts the screen editor's GET BYTE routine, allowing it to compare all entries with a list of commands in a jump table. If a match is found the appropriate command is executed. Otherwise the entry is returned to the screen editor. DISKIO reinitializes itself upon [RESET].

DISKIO should not conflict with the user's program unless the latter overwrites DISKIO's reserved memory or moves MEMLO into it. All permanent storage is within the reserved memory, and LBUFF is used for temporary storage. Page One is used only for stack functions and page Six is not used. Page Zero is not altered since existing values are saved in the stack upon entering DISKIO and restored upon exiting.

The DISKIO AUTORUN.SYS file can be concatenated with other AUTORUN.SYS files which do not conflict with it. DISKIO should probably be the first segment in the chain to make it reset-proof.

For users with the Omnimon chip, the MOVE command can be used to modify disk files in Drive 1. After copying the file into memory the system pauses to allow the user to change disks. At this point Omnimon can be invoked, the file can be modified in memory, and then can be written back to disk with these keystrokes: [START] [RETURN] to exit Omnimon, [RETURN] to write the file back to disk, and [RESET] to restore some vectors.

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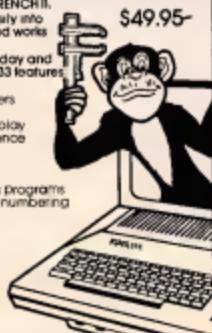
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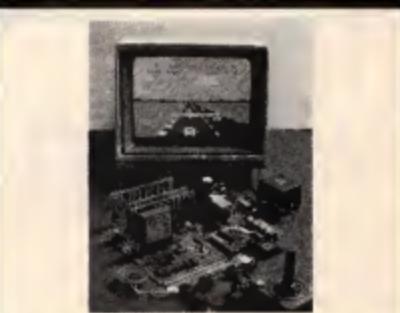
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by EARL RICE

*Until now, the Parallel Bus Interface has been one of the big mysteries of Atari XL computers. This important Antic series—by one of Atari's former top technical executives—will at last provide all the information necessary for tapping the power of this 100,000 byte per second connection.*

If you own an Atari 600XL or 800XL, you've probably noticed a little plastic cover on the back. Above that cover are the words "PARALLEL BUS." Until now, this port has only been used for memory expansion cartridges.

Then last June at the Consumer Electronics Show, the Atari company finally released full specifications for the Parallel Bus Interface (PBI). This series of articles is based on that information.

In the next few issues of *Antic*, we'll explain how the parallel bus works and how you can use it with your own projects.

### IMPORTANCE OF THE PBI

The parallel bus interface runs at the same speed as the 6502 microprocessor—and it can transfer information more than 40 times faster than the serial connector.

The serial connector can transfer no more than 2400 bytes per second. The parallel bus can easily transfer 100,000 bytes or more per second, depending on software execution speed. This speed allows you to design controllers for hard disks and other high-speed devices.

### WHAT THE PBI IS

Basically, the parallel bus connector is an extension of the 6502 data, address, and control signals. These signals aren't buffered, and can drive only a very limited electrical load. Unmodified, there isn't very much you can do with the PBI. When used with

appropriate software and hardware, however, the PBI becomes an extremely powerful extension of your computer.

Fortunately, the PBI's design is easy to understand. Additionally, most of the software you'll need is already in the Operating System. This code, called the Generic Parallel Device Handler, resides at location 58511 (\$E4BF), just waiting to talk to your high-speed devices. All you have to do is write the low-level hardware driver software and combine it with your hardware.

But first you need to see how the PBI works.

A parallel device (*Figure 1*) is essentially a circuit board containing five key elements:

- A ROM chip containing both the low-level driver software and a Device Handler Table.
- Any RAM required for on-board buffers.
- Some address-decoding logic.
- A hardware-select register.
- The functional circuitry itself. (Perhaps an I/O device such as a universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART) to drive a modem, or a parallel interface adapter (PIA) to drive a printer.)

All device registers, ROM, and RAM are mapped into your computer's memory space as shown in the simplified memory map (*Figure 2*).

The PBI's ROM space is mapped into the same area as the OS conversion routines from ASCII to Floating Point. The computer's memory management IC switches out the OS ROM when an external device is selected, and switches back in when it's done. The catch is that your external device can't use the floating point software in the OS. It also can't use any function of the OS or application software

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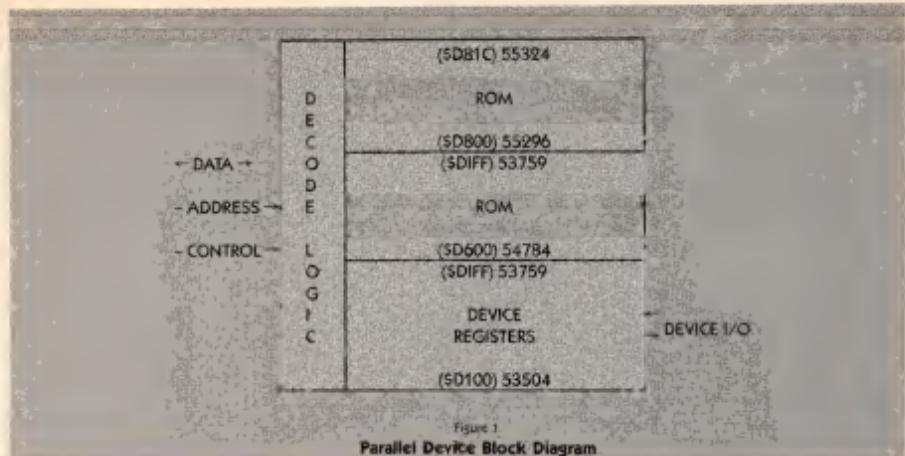


Figure 1.  
Parallel Device Block Diagram.

(like BASIC) that uses floating point routines.

Since most external devices are essentially I/O peripherals, these restrictions should not create many programming problems.

The first 26 bytes of ROM contain a data table (Figure 3). This is a handler table which has the same format as the other OS vector tables. Note that some of the data is optional. The required data consists of ID bytes used by the Generic Handler to validate the presence of a parallel device, and JUMP vectors to device functions.

During a coldstart, just before at-

tempting to initialize a cartridge, the OS will poll for parallel devices. If the ID bytes are correct, the OS will execute the JMP to the INIT routine at 55321 (\$D819) through 55323 (\$D81B). This routine must put the address of the Generic Handler (58511, or \$E48F) into the OS handler table (HATABS) along with the device name (T, for example).

That done, your routine sets its select bit in the Device Mask, performs any device-specific initializations and ends with an RTS instruction.

That's really all it takes to let the OS "talk" to your device. Of course, there

are the low-level device drivers to consider, but we'll examine them in a later article. For now, remember that the OS simply needs to know that your device exists (have its bit set in the Device Mask) and to have the Generic Handler's address in HATABS (Figure 4).

The OS can handle up to eight devices on the PBI. The OS selects a device by setting the appropriate bit in the Hardware Select register, located at 53759 (\$D1FF). BIT 0 selects DEVICE 0, BIT 1 selects DEVICE 1, and so on.

Just like the other registers in the computer, this one has a shadow loca-

ADDRESS	OS	DEVICE
58511	\$E48F	GENERIC HANDLER
55324	\$D81C	FLOATING POINT ROUTINES
55996	\$D800	2K ROM
55995	\$D7FF	
54784	\$D600	RAM
53759	\$D1FF	
53758	\$D1FE	SELECT REGISTER
53504	\$D100	DEVICE REGISTERS
584	\$0948	SELECT SHADOW
583	\$0247	DEVICE MASK

Figure 2.  
Parallel Device Memory Map

\$D800	*ROM CHECK SUM LOW BYTE	\$D80A	INTERRUPT VECTOR HIGH BYTE	\$D814	PUT BYTE VECTOR HIGH BYTE
\$D801	*ROM CHECK SUM HIGH BYTE	\$D80B	ID NUMBER (\$91)	\$D815	STATUS VECTOR LOW BYTE -1
\$D802	*ROM REVISION NUMBER	\$D80C	*DEVICE NAME (ASCII)	\$D816	STATUS VECTOR HIGH BYTE
\$D803	ID NUMBER (\$80)	\$D80D	OPEN VECTOR LOW BYTE -1	\$D817	SPECIAL VECTOR LOW BYTE -1
\$D804	*DEVICE TYPE	\$D80E	OPEN VECTOR HIGH BYTE	\$D818	SPECIAL VECTOR HIGH BYTE
\$D805	JMP (\$4C)	\$D80F	CLOSE VECTOR LOW BYTE -1	\$D819	JMP (\$4C)
\$D806	I/O VECTOR LOW BYTE	\$D810	CLOSE VECTOR HIGH BYTE	\$D81A	INIT VECTOR LOW BYTE
\$D807	I/O VECTOR HIGH BYTE	\$D811	GET BYTE VECTOR LOW BYTE -1	\$D81B	INIT VECTOR HIGH BYTE
\$D808	JMP (\$4C)	\$D812	GET BYTE VECTOR HIGH BYTE	\$D81C	*UNUSED
\$D809	INTERRUPT VECTOR LOW BYTE	\$D813	PUT BYTE VECTOR LOW BYTE -1		

\*OPTIONAL — NOT REQUIRED

Figure 3:  
ROM Vector Table

tion. The computer uses shadow registers to update the values in its hardware registers. These values are updated 30 times per second. The Hardware Select register's shadow location is at \$583 (\$0247).

## SELECTING DEVICES

Before selecting a device, the OS looks at the Device Mask (location \$583, \$0247) to see if such a device really exists. Recall that this was the bit set by the initialization routine.

Parameters are passed between the OS and the device using the A, X and Y registers plus the Page Zero I/O Control Block (IOCB).

The carry flag tells the OS whether or not the device performed its requested function. The device sets the flag when it has performed its function. Otherwise, the carry flag is left RESET (0).

The A register passes a data byte, the X register contains the index to the originating device's IOCB, and the Y register contains a Device Status byte. This is the same as any other Central IO (CIO) operation.

By the way, this is a good place to mention that Atari's Technical Reference Notes (CD16555 Rev. A) are worth their weight in system errors. The basic operation of CIO, IOCB's, Device Status codes and the like are all presented concisely. If you are

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\$031A	'P' (PRINTER NAME)
\$031B	HANDLER LOW BYTE
\$031C	HANDLER HIGH BYTE
\$031D	'C' (CASSETTE NAME)
\$031E	HANDLER LOW BYTE
\$031F	HANDLER HIGH BYTE
\$0320	'E' (EDITOR NAME)
\$0321	HANDLER LOW BYTE
\$0322	HANDLER HIGH BYTE
\$0323	'S' (SCREEN NAME)
\$0324	HANDLER LOW BYTE
\$0325	HANDLER HIGH BYTE
\$0326	'K' (KEYBOARD NAME)
\$0327	HANDLER LOW BYTE
\$0328	HANDLER HIGH BYTE
\$0329	0 (T) ←
\$032A	0 (SBF) ←
\$032B	0 (SE4)
\$032C	0 (NAME SLOT)
\$032D	0 (VECTOR LOW SLOT)
\$032E	0 (VECTOR HIGH SLOT)
\$032F	0
\$0330	0
\$0331	0
\$0332	0
\$0333	0
\$0334	0
\$0335	0
\$0336	0
\$0337	0
\$0338	0
\$0339	0
\$033A	0
\$033B	0 (ALWAYS 0)

FIND THE FIRST  
0 NAME ENTRY, THEN:  
PUT DEVICE NAME HERE  
PUT GENERIC HANDLER ADDRESS  
(\$E4BF) HERE.

Figure 4:  
Putting Your Device In HATABS

*Say goodbye to glitchy DOS 3 forever! Convert your files back to good old DOS 2.05. You'll need three blank disks and your DOS 3 Master Disk. You'll also need the BASIC version of Eric Verheiden's SEQDOS program from "Cassette Lookalike—Your Disk Drive" on page 81 of the July, 1984 Antic.*

# ESCAPE FROM HOUSE DOS 3

Your files will thank you

by CHARLES JACKSON  
Antic Staff Writer

Many Atari programmers were bitterly disappointed when they tried Atari's newest disk operating system last year. DOS 3 turned out to be flawed, slow and user-hostile.

Users had to correct the original DOS 3 versions with several obscure POKE statements from BASIC. All versions of DOS 3 store your programs in a format that is incompatible with virtually every other disk operating system. DOS 3 keeps each utility in a separate file. These utilities must be individually loaded or copied from the DOS 3 Master Disk before you can use them.

The final blow is that DOS 3 does not allow you to re-convert your programs back into DOS 2.05 after you converted them to DOS 3. Your only choice was retyping the whole program listing to SAVE on a DOS 2 disk

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## PREPARING THE SEQDOS DISKS:

1. Using the SEQDOS.BAS program, prepare one SEQDOS disk with DOS 2 files, and one SEQDOS disk without DOS 2 files. (See Verheiden's article for instructions.)
2. Boot your DOS 3 Master Disk. Initialize the remaining disk with option "I." (Remember to type Y to write the FMS.SYS file.) You should also copy the KCPSYS, KCPOVER.SYS and CONVERT. UTL files from your Master Disk to this disk.
3. Return to the DOS 3 menu and use the "A" option to convert your SEQDOS BAS program (the one you just typed) to DOS 3.

4. RUN the converted SEQDOS.BAS program. The computer will print:

PRESS RETURN TO FORMAT?"

Then press the [BREAK] key and type DOS.

5. When the menu appears, type [S]. Then, type:

AUTORUN.SYS [RETURN]

600 [RETURN]

6FF [RETURN]

609 [RETURN]

[RETURN]

The computer will print:

AUTORUN.SYS SAVED

This is your SEQDOS + DOS 3 disk. Remove it and put a write-protect tab on it.

At this point, you should have three disks: A SEQDOS disk, a SEQDOS + DOS 2 disk, and a SEQDOS + DOS 3 disk. You're now ready to convert any BASIC program from DOS 3 to DOS 2.

## USING THE SEQDOS DISKS:

1. Boot the SEQDOS + DOS 3 disk, then insert the disk containing the program to be converted. LOAD (or ENTER) your program.
2. Insert your SEQDOS disk and type CSAVE [RETURN].
3. Boot your SEQDOS + DOS 2 disk then insert your SEQDOS disk. Type CLOAD [RETURN].
4. Your converted program is now in the computer's memory. It can be SAVED or LISTED to any DOS 2 disk.

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# How To Use TYPO II

Type in TYPO II and SAVE a copy to disk or cassette.

Type GOTO 32000 and follow TYPO II onscreen instructions. If the resulting two-letter line codes are not exactly the same as those in the magazine, you mistyped something in that line.

To call back any line previously typed, type an asterisk [\*] followed (without in-between spaces) by the line number, then press [RETURN]. This is also the way you use TYPO II to proofread itself.

To LIST your program, press [BREAK] and type LIST. To return to TYPO II, type GOTO 32000.

To remove TYPO II from your program, type LIST "D:FILENAME",0,31999 (Cassette owners LIST "C:"). Type NEW, then ENTER "D:FILENAME" (Cassette—ENTER "C"). Your program is now in memory without TYPO II and you can SAVE or LIST it to disk or cassette.

BASIC XL cartridge owners type SET 5.0 and SET 12.0 before using TYPO II.

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LH 32000 REM TYPO II BY ANDY BARTON
UM 32010 REM VER. 1.0 FOR ANTIC MAGAZINE
HS 32020 CLR :DIM LINES$(120):CLOSE #2:CLOSE #3
SE #3
BN 32030 OPEN #2,4,0,"EH":OPEN #3,5,0,"EH"
YC 32040 ? "6":POSITION 11,1:?"$W$W$W$W$W$"
EM 32050 TRAP 32040:POSITION 2,3,? "TYPE
IN A PROGRAM LINE"
HS 32060 POSITION 1,4,? "":INPUT #2:LINE
?:IF LINES$="" THEN POSITION 2,4:LIST 0
:GOTO 32060
RH 32070 IF LINES$(1,13)="W" THEN 0=VAL(LIN
E$(2,LEN(LINES$))):POSITION 2,4:LIST 0:
GOTO 32060
TH 32080 POSITION 2,10,? "CONT"
MF 32090 B=VAL(LINES$):POSITION 1,3,? " "
MY 32100 POKE 042,15:STOP
CH 32110 POKE 042,12
ET 32120 ? "W":POSITION 11,1,? "W$W$W$W$W$W$W$W$"
:POSITION 2,15:LIST 0
CE 32130 C=0:ANS=C
OR 32140 POSITION 2,16:INPUT W$;LINES$:IF
LINES$="" THEN ? "LINE":B;" DELETED":G
OTO 32050
VV 32150 FOR C=1 TO LEN(LINES$):C=C+1:ANS=
ANS+CHR(ASC(LINES$(0,0113)):NEXT 0
JW 32160 CODE=INT(RAN5/676)
JW 32170 CODE=ANS-(CODE=676)
EH 32180 HCODE=INT(CODE/263)
BH 32190 LCODE=CODE-(HCODE=263)+65
HO 32200 HCODE=HCODE+65
IE 32210 POSITION 0,16,? CHR(HCODE):CHR$(LCODE)
UG 32220 POSITION 2,13,? "IF CODE does no
t match Press INS and edit line a
bove.":GOTO 32050

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Sometimes it's not easy to tell apart the following characters, shown here in both normal and inverse video. Be especially careful when you type any of these:

✓	CTRL F	✓	/
✗	CTRL G	✗	SHIFT +
—	CTRL N	—	SHIFT -
—	CTRL R	—	-
+	CTRL S	+	+

# Typing Special Atari Characters

Shown below are the Atari Special Characters as printed in Antic listings—and the keys you must type in order to get them.

Whenever the CTRL key (CONTROL on XL models) or SHIFT key is used, *bold it down* while you press the next keys. Whenever the ESC key is used, *press and release it* before typing the next keys.

Turn on inverse video by pressing the Atari logo key **A** once. Turn it off by pressing a second time. (XL models use the Reverse Video Mode Key **■** instead.)

NORMAL VIDEO		INVERSE VIDEO	
FOR THIS	TYPE THIS	FOR THIS	TYPE THIS
✓	CTRL ,	✗	▲ CTRL ,
✗	CTRL A	✗	▲ CTRL A
✗	CTRL B	✗	▲ CTRL B
✗	CTRL C	✗	▲ CTRL C
✗	CTRL D	✗	▲ CTRL D
✗	CTRL E	✗	▲ CTRL E
✗	CTRL F	✗	▲ CTRL F
✗	CTRL G	✗	▲ CTRL G
✗	CTRL H	✗	▲ CTRL H
✗	CTRL I	✗	▲ CTRL I
✗	CTRL J	✗	▲ CTRL J
✗	CTRL K	✗	▲ CTRL K
✗	CTRL L	✗	▲ CTRL L
✗	CTRL M	✗	▲ CTRL M
✗	CTRL N	✗	▲ CTRL N
✗	CTRL O	✗	▲ CTRL O
✗	CTRL P	✗	▲ CTRL P
✗	CTRL Q	✗	▲ CTRL Q
✗	CTRL R	✗	▲ CTRL R
✗	CTRL S	✗	▲ CTRL S
✗	CTRL T	✗	▲ CTRL T
✗	CTRL U	✗	▲ CTRL U
✗	CTRL V	✗	▲ CTRL V
✗	CTRL W	✗	▲ CTRL W
✗	CTRL X	✗	▲ CTRL X
✗	CTRL Y	✗	▲ CTRL Y
✗	CTRL Z	✗	▲ CTRL Z
✗	ESC	✗	SHIFT
✗		✗	DELETE
✗		✗	ESC
✗		✗	SHIFT
✗		✗	INSERT
✗		✗	ESC
✗		✗	CTRL
✗		✗	TAB
✗		✗	ESC
✗		✗	SHIFT
✗		✗	TAB
✗		✗	▲ CTRL
✗		✗	;
✗		✗	▲ SHIFT =
✗		✗	ESC CTRL 2
✗		✗	ESC
✗		✗	CTRL
✗		✗	DELETE
✗		✗	ESC
✗		✗	CTRL
✗		✗	INSERT

Boxes are drawn around the normal video characters here so you can see their positions more accurately; these boxes do not appear in the printed listings.

# BASIC SEARCHER

Article on page 17.

## LISTING 1

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OC 31980 REM SEARCH UTILITY
OC 31981 REM BY SCOTT SHECK
GN 31982 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
FR 31983 GOSUB 31987:POKE 4,1:POKE 2,PEEK
(156):POKE 3,PEEK(157)
BL 31984 ZZ=USR(1556):IF PEEK(4)=0 THEN 3
1925
JF 31985 A=PEEK(8):PEEK(11)=256:IF K=10 TH
EN LIST "P":A=GOTO 31984
GN 31986 LIST A:GOTO 31984
AH 31987 RESTORE 31988:GRAPHICS 0:IF PEEK
(1557)>216 THEN FOR X=1536 TO 1638:RE
AD A:POKE X,A:NEXT X
NG 31988 DATA 104,216,168,8,177,2,133,8,2
88,177,2,133,1,281,124,288,11,165,8,28
1,156,288,5,168,8
RP 31989 DATA 132,4,96,288,177,2,133,284,
288,288,177,2,197,283,288,4,32,91,6,96
,281,8,248,35,281,1
CN 31910 DATA 248,31,281,14,288,4,169,7,2
88,7,281,15,288,11,288,177,2,132,288,2
4,181,286,188,177,2,281,28
YU 31911 DATA 248,289,281,22,288,286,32,9
1,6,76,2,6,8
OH 31912 DATA 165,2,24,181,284,133,2,144,
2,238,3,96
SJ 31913 ? :? ,,"SEARCH UTILITY":POKE 82,8
:COUNT=128:ZZ=PEEK(158)+PEEK(151)*256:
? :? COUNT;" "

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MN 31914 A=PEEK(ZZ):? CHR$(A-120+(A>120)
3:1:IF A<128 THEN 31919
VI 31915 COUNT=COUNT+1:IF PEEK(ZZ+1)=98 A
NOT PEEK(ZZ+2)=218 THEN 31928
TZ 31916 IF COUNT=148 THEN POKE 82,14:POS
ITION 14,2
KU 31917 IF COUNT=168 THEN POKE 82,28:POS
ITION 28,2
AH 31918 ? :? COUNT;" ";
YM 31919 ZZ=ZZ+1:GOTO 31914
MR 31920 POKE 82,2:POSITION 2,23:? :"NU
MBER":INPUT A:POKE 203,A:?"SCREEN OR
PRINTER":
IK 31921 K=PEEK(764):IF K>18 AND K<62 T
HEN 31921
JJ 31922 ? :"W":RETURN
MF 31923 ? :"W":? :FOR ZZ=31988 TO 31914:?
ZZ:NEXT ZZ:?"CLR":POKE 842,12:CONT":? :IP
OSITION 2,0:POKE 842,13:STOP
BB 31924 ? :"W":? :FOR ZZ=31915 TO 31928:?
ZZ:NEXT ZZ:?"CLR":POKE 842,12:CHR$(12
5)":POSITION 2,0:POKE 842,13:END
TO 31925 ? :? "END OF SEARCH":? :? " AGAI
N (Y/N) ?":POKE 764,255
K2 31926 IF PEEK(764)=45 THEN POKE 764,25
5:GOTO 31988
V0 31927 IF PEEK(764)=35 THEN POKE 764,25
5:GOTO 31923
JK 31928 GOTO 31926

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# ERROR FILE

## OCTOBER OMISSIONS October '84

A number of division signs [/] were omitted at the printer. On the magazine pages there is an empty space where they should have appeared. Here are the specific corrections:

### MOLE ATTACK

Page 53  
Line 20: POKE 756,5/256

Page 54  
Line 1060: T=18-L/2

Page 55  
Lines 1090 and 1110:  
PEEK (20)(0)(60)  
Line 1140: 756,5/256

Line 1160:  
IF AB/2<>INT (AB/2)  
Line 1170: AC=1 TO AB/2  
Line 1330: 756,5/256

### PLUS MINUS

Page 56  
Line 469:  
SOUND 0,10,N/4  
Line 9020: CHBASE/256

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Line 10014:0\*,h

### BOUNCING BALL

Page 57  
Line 110: INT(X/256)

### ANTIC 4/5 ANIMATOR/ EDITOR

Page 59  
Line 84: ANTIC 4/5  
Page 63—in an unrelated  
error, the following two lines  
were left out of listing 3:  
2820 FOR J=1 TO 10:  
FOR I=0 TO 8  
2822 K=USR(COPY

,18,F(DI+1),AW)  
Page 66  
"HYPNO.RAS"  
Line 210: ADDRESS/256)

Line 220: (BYTES/256)

### "DEMO"

Line 10: ERASE/PRINT

### DIVER

Page 69  
Line 550: "(6;)""  
Line 630: 0)\*20)(SK+1  
Line 650: "200)(SK+1)  
Line 670: "15)(SK+1)

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# Q.T.

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## LISTING 1

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PT 1 REM Q.T. BY BRIAN McWILLIAMS
NC 2 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE JUNE 1984
NH 10 DIM MOVES(32):AS(5):LIVES=3:OFF=729
  :C1=1:GOSUB 10000
TE 20 FOR H=C1 TO PEEK(1699):AS(H,H)=STR$(
  (PEEK(1699+H))):NEXT H:HI=VAL(AS)
IK 50 COLOR 61:PL0T 0,C1:ORAWTO 19,C1:PL0
  T,0.21:ORAWTO 19,21
GM 55 PL0T 2,5:ORAWTO 17,5:ORAWTO 17,9:OR
  AWTO 2,9:ORAWTO 2,5
HF 60 COLOR 162:PL0T 0,2:ORAWTO 0,20:PL0T
  19,2:ORAWTO 19,20:COLOR 34:PL0T 4,2:0
  RAWTO 4,4:PL0T 15,2:ORAWTO 15,4
EG 70 COLOR 47:PL0T 4,11:ORAWTO 0,11:ORAW
  TO 0,15:ORAWTO 4,15:ORAWTO 4,11:PL0T 1
  1,11:ORAWTO 15,11:PL0T 15,12
HW 80 ORAWTO 13,15:PL0T 7,14:PL0T 9,16:CO
  LDR 175
HY 85 PL0T 11,15:PL0T 15,15:POSITION 3,6:
  ? HI;"antic magazine":POSITION 6,0
KD 90 ? HI;"PRESENTS":POSITION 3,10? HI;""
  "Programmed by:POSITION 2,20? HI;""
  RIAN McWILLIAMS"
GJ 100 GOSUB 7000:ORD=ORD+(ORD<3)-2*(ORD=
  3):BIC=BIC+(BRC-C1):Z=50+BIC:POSITION
  C1,Z:?:HI
IO 105 IF BIC=7 THEN 1000
YH 125 BI=72*(BIC=C1)+74*(BIC=2)+75*(BIC=
  3)+58*(BIC=4)+66*(BIC=5)+81*(BIC=6):GO
  SUB 7020:IF BRC=C1 THEN GOSUB 1640
WM 130 GOSUB 7020:COLOR 61:PL0T 0,C1:ORAW
  TO 19,C1:ORAWTO 19,22:ORAWTO 0,22:ORAW
  TO 0,C1
OB 140 GOSUB 7100:GOSUB 7110:TIME=750-(BI
  *50):NI=10+5*BIC:GOSUB 7130
SG 150 ON ORD GOSUB 200.000.1050
LS 168 GOTO 100

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RJ 200 COLOR 47:FOR H=C1 TO 75+10*BIC
  OG 210 A=INT(10*RN0(0))+C1:B=INT(20*RN0(0
  ))+2:LOCATE A,B:C:IF C>32 THEN 210
GA 220 PL0T A,B:NEXT H:FOR H=C1 TO 4
FK 240 A=INT(16*RN0(0))+2:B=INT(18*RN0(0))
  )+3:LOCATE A,B:C:IF C>36 AND C<41 OR A
  =9 AND B>9 THEN 240
HU 250 COLOR 36+K:PL0T A,B:NEXT K:BC=42:H
  P=9:VP=18:GOSUB 2065
GH 300 IF NOT STRIG(0) THEN GOSUB 460
KL 310 A=STICK(0):A=A-14 OR A=10 OR A=6
  +2*(A=7)+3*(A=13 OR A=9 OR A=5)+4*(A=1
  1):ON A GOSUB 350,420,410,440
V0 320 LOCATE C1,2,UL:LOCATE 10,2,UR:LOCA
  TE 10,21,LR:LOCATE C1,21,LL:IF UL=37 A
  NO UR=30 AND LR=39 AND LL=40 THEN 600
HW 340 GOSUB 7500:POKE 27,0:GOTO 300
OP 350 Y=-C1:H=0
G5 360 LOCATE HP+X,YP+Y,C:IF C=32 THEN GO
  SUB 7050:RETURN
PH 370 IF C=47 THEN GOSUB 7090:GOSUB 7030
  :RETURN
LD 380 IF NOT H THEN IF C>36 AND C<41 OR
  C=81 THEN 400
ZR 390 RETURN
KK 400 LOCATE HP+H*2,YP+Y*2,CC:IF CC=32 T
  HEN GOSUB 7040:GOSUB 7050
ZP 405 RETURN
GO 410 Y=C1:H=0:GOTO 360
OO 420 IF OC=43 THEN OC=42:Y=0:H=0:GOSUB
  7030:RETURN
OM 430 Y=0:H=C1:GOTO 360
PF 440 IF OC=42 THEN OC=43:Y=0:H=0:GOSUB
  7030:RETURN
UN 450 Y=0:H=-C1:GOTO 360
JC 460 C=44+(OC=42)+95*(OC=43):COLOR C:PL
  DT HP,YP

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## ERROR FILE

### EXPLORING THE XL

June '84

There was a misprinted inverse video zero. In line 230, what appears as inverse "Or" should instead read "Or", replacing the capital letter with a zero.

### RECALL

August '84

To get this program to run, you must first "LIST" it to disk or cassette, type "NEW" then

type: DIM QQ\$(1). After this, 'ENTER' the program and it should run. 'SAVE' this version which will run from then on without the preliminaries.

### CREepy CAVERNS

August '84

In line 10, change MO(N,5) to MO(P,5). In line 349, there is a YO(Y-ZERO) that should be YO(Y-O). The first change will prevent an error 3 and the second an error 9.

### SPACED-OUT NUMBERS

July '84

For non-XL machines, change line 31040 as follows:

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31040 D=INT(VAL(C$)/
  INT(100*A(68-B0))+
  +1.0E-03)).

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### MATCHBOX TIC-TAC-TOE

April '84

Change line 2078 to: 2078  
CLOSE "3:RETURN

### UPDATE DISKS WITH NOTE AND POINT

April '84

Line 160 should read GOTO 600. Lines 410, 440, 470, 500 and 530 should all begin: INLEN=LEN(USER\$).

### MATH WIZARD

April '84

The 17th string character in line 50 should be an inverse zero. This will generate the proper Typo table.

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L0 465 FOR X=85 TO 45 STEP -C1:SONG 0,X.
  18,18:NEXT X:GOSUB OFF
UW 470 GOSUB 7065:LOCATE XP-(BC=43)+BC=4
  23,YP:C:IF C=32 OR C=61 THEN RETURN
ID 498 IF BC=42 THEN S20
LK 580 FOR X=XP+C1 TO C1 STEP -C1:LOCATE
  X-C1,YP,C:IF CC<32 THEN GOSUB OFF:RETURN
EV 518 SONG 0,114-X,18,12:COLOR 32:PLOT
  X,YP:COLOR C:PLOT X-C1,YP:NEXT X:GOSUB
  OFF:RETURN
KV 520 FOR X=XP+C1 TO 18:LOCATE X-C1,YP,C
  C:IF CC<32 THEN GOSUB OFF:RETURN
ZK 538 SOUND 0,114+X,18,12:COLOR 32:PLOT
  X,YP:COLOR C:PLOT X-C1,YP:NEXT X:GOSUB
  OFF:RETURN
JN 600 GOSUB 7158:FOR X=2 TO 21:LOCATE C1
  ,X,C:IF C=32 OR C=42 OR C=43 THEN 628
JT 610 POSITION C1,X:GOSUB 640
PR 628 LOCATE 18,X,C:IF C=32 OR C=42 OR C
  =43 THEN 658
NM 638 POSITION 18,X:GOSUB 640:GOTO 658
MC 648 T #6:CHR$(BI+128):GOSUB 7188:RETURN
H
LM 658 NEXT X:SCORE=SCORE+BONUS5+TIME:GOSUB
  0 OFF:RETURN
OK 668 COLOR 32:PLOT 0,2:PLOT 0,3:PLOT 19
  ,2:PLOT 19,3:PLOT 4,2:DRAINTO 15,22:CO
  LOR 611 PLOT 0,4:DRAINTO 2,4:DRAINTO 19,4
BN 619 DRAINTO 17,4:PLOT 3,21:PLOT 16,21:P
  LOT 3,2B:DRAINTO 16,20:COLOR 34:PLOT C1
  ,2:PLOT C1,3
YI 628 PLOT 18,2:PLOT 18,3:PLOT 0,5:DRAINT
  0,0,21:PLOT 2,5:DRAINTO 2,21:PLOT 19,5:
  DRAINTO 19,21:PLOT 17,5:DRAINTO 17,21
GA 638 COLOR 93:PLOT 2,3:COLOR B1+128:PL0
  T 17,3:NEXT X:HM
HU 658 XP=9:YP=19:BC=42:GOSUB 7865
NB 668 FOR XH=9 TO 11-BI: A=STICK(0):A=(C
  >24 AND A<30)+2*IC28 AND A<12
RB 665 COLOR 62:PLOT 2,NM:ON A GOSUB 428,
  440:GOTO 875
OC 678 FOR A=C1 TO 18:NEXT A
YH 675 COLOR 93:PLOT 2,NM:NEXT XH
OU 689 A=INT((4*MRNO(0))+C1):IC=64-(A=1+42*
  (A=21+35*(A=3)+8*(A=4)):IP=INT(14*MRNO(
  0)+3+
CV 695 IV=Z*(IC=0))+58*(IC=64 OR IC=47)
ZW 696 FR=(IC=64 OR IC=58 OR IC=72 OR IC=
  74)*2*(IC=75 OR IC=47)+3*(IC=35 OR IC=
  66 OR IC=81)
GC 695 A=INT(2*MRNO(0))+C1:IC=IC+120*(A=2)
FF 698 FOR XH=2 TO 10 STEP FR:COLOR IC:PL
  OT IP,XH:A=STICK(0):A=(A>4 AND A<8)+2*
  (A>28 AND A<32)
WH 705 IF NOT A THEN FOR X=C1 TO 18:NEXT
  X
XH 707 ON A GOSUB 428,440:COLOR 32:PLOT I
  ,XH
WS 710 SOUND C1,57+NM,18,9:NEXT XH:SONG
  C1,0,0,0:LOCATE IP,19,C:IF C>32 THEN
  IT IC=165 OR IC=35 THEN 7198
BG 720 COLOR IC:PL0:IP,18+(C=32):FOR X=C
  1 TO 5:NEXT XH:IP,XP:IF C=(C<32):GOSUB
  7098:COLOR 32:PLOT XP,X,YP+Y
HJ 725 IF IC=165 OR IC=35 THEN 968
SW 730 IF C=32 THEN 1000
VV 740 COLOR 32:PLOT 17,NM:POSITION 17,NM
  +C1:T #6:CHR$(BI+128):CHR$(341)"":COL
  OR 611:PLOT 17,NM+2:DRAINTO 19,NM+2
J0 750 NM+NM+C1:GOSUB 7170:GOSUB OFF:SCOR
  E=SCORE+IV
SW 760 GOSUB 7100:IF NM<19 THEN 968
MI 770 X=C1:Y=0:FOR XH=XP TO 17:GOSUB 428
  :NEXT XH:GOSUB 7158:FOR XH=NM TO 18:G0
  SUB 7168:GOSUB 7188:NEXT XH
VS 780 SCORE=SCORE+BONUS:RETURN
RM 798 GOTO 868

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WZ 1800 GOSUB 2168:IF NM<19 THEN 868
IM 1820 FOR X=2 TO XP:COLOR 62:PLOT X,19:
  FOR Y=C1 TO 51:SONG 0,157-X,10,18:NEXT
  Y:COLOR 93:PLOT X,19:GOSUB OFF
WY 1830 FOR Y=C1 TO 51:NEXT Y:COLOR 32:PLO
  T X,YP:NEXT X:GOSUB OFF:GOTO 7198
NE 1858 COLOR 32:PLOT C1,22:DRAINTO 18,22:
  COLOR 61:PLOT C1,4:DRAINTO 4,4:PLOT 15,
  4:DRAINTO 18,4
VE 1870 XP=4:YP=3:BC=42:GOSUB 7065
LB 1880 IF BLL THEN 1100
SO 1890 FOR XH=C1 TO 11-BIC
KV 1895 IF NOT NI THEN RETURN
SI 1100 POKE 77,0:GOSUB 7108:IF NOT STRI
  G(0) THEN 1588
ZF 1105 FOR A=C1 TO 25:NEXT A
EN 1110 B=STICK(0):A=(B>4 AND B<8 AND BC<
  >92)+2*(B>8 AND B<12 AND BC<92)+3*(B>
  4 AND B>8 AND BC=92)
AK 1118 A=A+4*(B>8 AND B<12 AND BC=92):ON
  A GOSUB 428,440,1558,1530:GOTO 1148
YC 1138 FOR A=C1 TO 15:NEXT A
CA 1148 LOCATE XP,YP+C1,C:IF C=32 AND BC<
  >92 THEN BC=92:GOSUB 7865
VG 1150 IF C=61 AND BC=92 THEN BC=42+CRPC
  53+43*(XP>14):GOSUB 7865
LU 1168 IF C=33 OR C=161 THEN C=92:GOTO 1
  32B
VU 1170 IF BC=92 AND YP=22 THEN 1600
UG 1180 IF STICK(0) AND BC=92 THEN COLOR
  32:PLOT XP,YP:VP=YP+C1:GOSUB 7865
W5 1190 IF NOT BLL AND XH THEN NEXT XH:X
  =0
OC 1200 IF BLL THEN 1248
EF 1210 A=INT(3*MRNO(0))+C1:IC=35*(A=C1)+6
  *3*(A=2)+8*(A=3):A=INT(2*MRNO(0))+C1
EP 1220 BLL=35*(A=C1)+61*(A=2):IP=INT(18
  *MRNO(0))+C1:IV=10*(IC=35)+58*(IC=63)+2
  *(IC=0)
ZA 1230 FR=(IC=35)+2*(IC=63 OR IC=75 OR I
  C=74 OR IC=23)+5*(IC=58 OR IC=81 OR IC
  =86):BLLY=28
MM 1235 A=INT(2*MRNO(0))+C1:IC=IC+120*(A=2
  )
IO 1240 FOR A=BLLY-C1 TO BLLY-FR STEP -C1
  :LOCATE IP,A,C:IF C=32 THEN NEXT A
UB 1250 COLOR 32:PLOT IP,BLLY:DRAINTO IP,0
  BLLY+2:BLLY+A=C1:COLOR BLLY:PLOT IP,BLLY
  :COLOR 41:PLOT IP,BLLY+C1:COLOR IC
EG 1251 PLOT IP,BLLY+2*50000 C1,158+BLLY,
  18,3:IF C=32 THEN 1000
BT 1252 COLOR 59:PLOT IP,BLLY:FOR X=10 TO
  0 STEP -C1:SONG 0,156,0,X:NEXT X:GOSUB
  NO C1,0,0,0:COLOR 32:PLOT IP,BLLY
FA 1253 IF C=92 THEN SCORE=SCORE+IV
AF 1257 BLL=0:NI=NI-C1
HU 1258 COLOR 32:PLOT IP,BLLY+C1:FOR A=BLL
  LY+3 TO 22:LOCATE IP,A,C:IF C=92 THEN
  COLOR 32:PLOT IP,A-C1:GOTO 1600
IM 1259 COLOR 32:PLOT IP,A-C1:COLOR IC:PL
  OT IP,AISOUND 0,124+8,18,12:NEXT A:GOSU
  B NO 0,0,0
KV 1260 COLOR 32:PLOT IP,A-C1:GOTO 1098
UT 1260 BC=92:GOSUB 7865:FOR X=0 TO 18 ST
  EP 2:SONG 0,156,0,X:NEXT X:COLOR 36:P
  LOT XP,YP:FOR X=18 TO 0 STEP -2
IM 1261 SOUND 0,156,0,X:NEXT X:LOCATE XP,
  YP-C1,C:IF C=32 THEN COLOR C:PLOT XP,Y

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P:YP=YP-C1:GOSUB 7865  
 X0 1520 SOUND 2.0,0,0:GOTO 1110  
 DA 1530 H=-C1  
 DG 1555 LOCATE HP+H,YP,C1:IF C<32 THEN H=0  
 YK 1540 COLOR 32:PLT HP,YP:HP=HP+N:GOSUB 7865:N=0:RETURN  
 DP 1550 H=C1:GOTO 1535  
 KO 1600 FOR X=0 TO 2: SOUND H,0,0:NEXT X  
 :COLOR 32:PLT HP,YP  
 CH 1605 COLOR 61:PLT 0,22:DRAWTO 10,22:COLOR 41:PLT 0,21:PLT 0,20:PLT 0,21 :PLT 0,20:COLOR 161:PLT 0,19  
 YU 1610 PLT 18,19:COLOR 45:PLT 9,21:FOR H=21 TO 15 STEP -C1:COLOR 32:PLT 0,X+C1:DRAWTO 10,W+C1  
 GF 1620 COLOR 61:PLT 0,X:DRAWTO 10,X:COLOR 04:45:PLT 9,X+C1:COLOR 41:PLT 0,X-2:PLT 0,X-2:COLOR 161:PLT 0,X-3  
 NT 1630 PLT 18,W-3:FOR Y=C1 TO 18:NEXT Y:NEXT H:HP=9:YP=H:GOTO 7190  
 TO 1640 YP=18:LOC-42  
 GC 1645 GOSUB 7828:COLOR 32:PLT C1,22:OR GOTO 18,22:COLOR 81  
 IZ 1647 PLT 13+8IC,14:COLOR 42:YP=13:PLT T 5+8IC,YP:RESTORE 1700  
 HZ 1650 FOR HP=6+8IC TO 13+8IC:COLOR 32:PLT HP,-C1,13:GOSUB 7865:READ A:IF SOUND 0,A,18,18:FOR H=C1 TO 8:NEXT H  
 AZ 1658 FOR H=10 TO 8 STEP -C1:SOUND 0,A,18:H=NEXT H:NP=HP-C1:FOR H=C1 TO 9:GOSUB 410:NEXT HN  
 BB 1670 BC=92:FOR YP=21 TO 8 STEP -C1:COLOR 04:32:PLT HP,YP+C1:GOSUB 7865:READ A:SOUND 0,A,18,18:FOR H=C1 TO 2:NEXT H  
 ICZ 1680 COLOR 36:PLT 0,W:YP:FOR H=10 TO 8 STEP -C1:SOUND 0,A,18,H=NEXT H:NEXT Y:PIRETURN  
 GK 1700 DATA 68,58,182,58,76,58,114,188,14,58,76,58,58,58,188  
 WD 1710 DATA 47,245,53,245,96,243,68,243,53,243,47,243,68,243  
 ZW 1800 GOSUB 7828:COLOR 34:PLT 6,C1:DRAWTO 6,9:PLT 13,C1:DRAWTO 13,9:COLOR 61:PLT 5,10:DRAWTO 14,10  
 EZ 1810 DRAWTO 14,12:DRAWTO 5,12:DRAWTO 5,10:POSITION 6,11:? H6;"You Win!!":POSITION 2,15:? H6;"CONGRATULATIONS!!"  
 PS 1820 IF SCORE>H1 THEN 7270  
 UZ 1830 GOTO 7280  
 LM 1840 CLR :END  
 QM 7000 POSITION 3,0:? H6;"PRESS TRIGGER"  
 GS 7005 POKE 77,0:IF STRIGE() THEN 7005  
 AT 7010 RETURN  
 GT 7020 COLOR 32:FOR H=0 TO 22:PLT 0,X:0:RAINTO 19,H:NEXT H:RETURN  
 DH 7030 COLOR 32:PLT HP,YP:HP=HP+K:YP=YP+Y:GOSUB 7065:GOSUB 0,57,10,18:GOSUB 0,FF:RETURN  
 TS 7040 COLOR 32:PLT HP+K,YP+Y:COLOR C:PLOT HP+H,Z:YP=Y+Z:SOUND 0,217,18,10:GOSUB 0,FF:RETURN  
 GB 7065 COLOR 0C:PLT HP,YP:RETURN  
 CW 7090 COLOR 59:PLT HP+K,YP+Y:FOR A=C1 TO 2:SOUND 0,68,10,4:NEXT A:FOR H=C1 TO 0,2:SOUND 0,65,10,4:NEXT A  
 IW 7095 GOSUB 0,FF:SCORE=SCORE+10\*(BRR=C1):RETURN  
 PC 7100 POSITION 2,C1:? H6:SCORE="":RETUR RN  
 YM 7110 COLOR 170:IF LIVES THEN FOR H=C1 TO LIVES:PLT 14+H,C1:NEXT H:COLOR 61:PLT 14+LIVES+C1,C1:RETURN  
 EJ 7120 COLOR 61:PLT 15,C1:DRAWTO 17,C1:RETURN  
 ML 7130 IF BRR=C1 THEN POSITION 9,C1:? H6:TIME=""  
 AT 7140 RETURN  
 OK 7150 BONUS=0:POSITION 5,11:? H6;"BONUS X ":"Z:RETURN  
 OU 7160 COLOR 32:PLT 2,NM:POSITION 0,NM+C1:? H6;"":CNRS(C41);""":COLOR 61:PLT 0,NM+2:DRAWTO 2,NM+2:NM=N+M+C1  
 OF 7170 FOR H=C1 TO 2: SOUND 0,128,10,151:NEXT H:GOSUB 0,FF:RETURN  
 IM 7180 SOUND 0,X+124,10,10:Bonus=Bonus+Z:POSITION 0,13:? H6:Bonus=GOSUB 0,FF:R=H-C1 TO 25:NEXT R:RETURN  
 MR 7190 COLOR 45:PLT HP,YP:RESTORE 7250:FOR Y=C1 TO 5:READ A:IF SOUND 0,A,12,10 :FOR Y=C1 TO 0:NEXT Y  
 MU 7200 FOR Y=18 TO 0 STEP -C1:SOUND 0,A,12,Y:NEXT Y:NEXT H:LIVES=LIVES-C1:IF NOT LIVES THEN 7260  
 EG 7210 COLOR 32:PLT HP,YP:GOSUB 7110:ON 880 GOTO 7230,7220,7230  
 OV 7220 IF NM>9 THEN 858  
 AO 7230 GOSUB 7028:GOTO 138  
 JZ 7250 DATA 85,85,76,25,72,25,85,58,68,1,88  
 LV 7260 GOSUB 710:POSITION 4,18:? H6;"End of game":IF SCORE>=HI THEN 7280  
 OM 7270 AS=5\*TRNS(SCORE):POKE 1699,LLEN(A9):FOR H=C1 TO LEN(A9):POKE 1699+H,VAL(A9) HN,HN3:NEXT H  
 CK 7280 GOSUB 7000:GOTO 1040  
 RZ 7290 SOUND 0,0,0,0:RETURN  
 EJ 7300 TIME=TIME-C1:GOSUB 7130:GOSUB 710 0,IF NOT TIME THEN POP 16:GOTO 7190  
 AO 7310 RETURN  
 MU 7380 RESTORE 10861:C=PEEK(186)-5:BASE =C+C1\*256:POKE 559,0:POKE 186,C:GRAP HICS 17  
 RU 10810 FOR H=C1 TO 32:READ Y:MOVES(H)=C:HRS(Y):NEXT H:JUNK=USR(A9)(MOVES),BASE ,57344:POKE 756,8956/256  
 AT 10820 TRAP 10860:READ INSET:FOR H=BASE +INSET#0 TO 0,856+INSET#0+7  
 EC 10830 READ CHANGE:POKE H,CHANGE:NEXT H:GOTO 10820  
 IO 10860 POKE 559,254:RETURN  
 TU 10870 DATA 184,184,133,215,184,133,214,184,133,213,184,133,212,162,4,160,8,1 77,212,145,214,208,208,249  
 LA 10875 DATA 238,213,238,213,215,202,200,240  
 JV 10880 DATA 29,170,85,170,85,170,85,170,85,2,24,126,98,66,66,98,126,24,15,8,1 26,126,126,126,126,126,0  
 DK 10890 DATA 16,0,26,24,56,56,112,96,152,5,0,126,78,94,94,126,126,0,6,8,126,98 ,122,122,126,126,0  
 NF 10900 DATA 7,8,126,126,122,122,98,126,9,8,0,126,126,94,94,78,126,0,12,8,20,2 4,58,62,112,96,152  
 HE 10910 DATA 13,168,8,12,68,198,127,0,8,11,16,48,20,28,26,14,6,25,63,16,48,24,92,124,14,6,25  
 DU 10920 DATA 27,146,84,8,198,8,84,146,8,26,254,254,178,138,178,254,254,8,48,12 4,68,186,56,16,24,16,24  
 TI 10930 DATA 61,8,8,48,94,94,116,106,62,8,3 8,8,12,56,88,96,74,62,8,32,24,58,68,12 6,126,126,126,68  
 EK 10940 DATA 3,8,255,126,126,126,255,8,8 8,8,12,56,88,96,74,62,8,32,24,58,68,12 6,126,126,126,68  
 PM 10950 DATA 1,124,246,258,254,254,124,5 6,16,9,16,16,16,16,16,16,16,16,31,184, 8,8,104,92,116,56,0,0  
 OT 10960 DATA 68,8,195,36,24,24,36,8,8,4, 8,8,0,126,153,36,8,8,42,24,68,36,36,12 6,126,126,126  
 UD 10970 DATA 43,16,56,124,124,124,124,25 4,8,49,112,54,110,72,126,2,14,8,54,68, 126,98,126,126,126,84,8  
 HH 10980 DATA 62,12,12,24,24,48,48,18,8,48

# ○ SCRAMBLE

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GP 10 REM SCRAMBLE
GJ 15 REM BY F. NEIL SIMMS
RG 20 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
FF 30 GOSUB 5000:GOTO 1000:REM ** init an
d begin **
RD 30 REM ** time delay loop **
L0 40 IF PEEK(540)>0 THEN 40
ZV 50 RETURN
PZ 55 REM ** INPUT: string TPS **
OC 64 REM ** OUTPUT: LN (nonblank LEN(tps
J1 **)**
LP 55 FOR K=1 TO 10:IF TPS(K,K)="" THEN
LN=K-1:POP :GOTO 65
CN 66 NEXT K:LN=10
AG 65 RETURN
U0 190 REM ** move cursor **
C0 200 TX=RPLR:TY=Y(PLR):LOCATE TX,TY,Z
:COLOR Z-32:POKE 53768+I,IM48+40:POKE
53761+I,IM48:POKE 27,8
AD 203 IF FIRST(PLR) THEN COLOR Z:FIRST(P
LR)=0
BL 204 PLOT TX,TY
RS 210 IF ST=14 OR ST=18 OR ST=6 THEN TY=
TY-1:IF TY<3 THEN TY=2
CT 210 IF ST=9 OR ST=5 OR ST=13 THEN TY=T
Y+1:IF TY>7 THEN TY=5
MZ 220 IF ST>8 AND ST<12 THEN TX=TX+1:IF
TX<5+NOFF THEN TX=7+NOFF
ZK 230 IF ST>4 AND ST<8 THEN TX=TX+1:IF T
X>7+NOFF THEN TX=3+NOFF
PR 250 LOCATE TX,TY,Z:COLOR Z+32:PLOT TX,
TY:RPLR=TX:Y(PLR)=TY
ZK 260 RETURN
GC 390 REM ** mark square or end word **
AA 400 FIRE(PLR)=1
JK 405 WD=WOROS(PLR):TX=X(PLR):TY=Y(PLR):
LOCATE TX,TY,Z:IF Z>122 THEN 500
TJ 410 IF LT=0 THEN 400:REM ** always mar
k square if first letter **
ZT 420 IF ABS(PREVX(PLR))-TX>1 OR ABS(PRE
YV(PLR))-TY>1 THEN 600
FX 480 POKE 53768+I,IM68+60:POKE 53761+I,
160:COLOR 2+128:PLOT TX,TY:PREVX(PLR)=
TX:PREVY(PLR)=TY
SG 490 TS(TOFF-LT,TOFF+LT)=CHR$(2-32):IF
LT<0 THEN LNG(PLR)=LT+1
OO 495 GOTO 600
KY 499 REM ** square was already marked -
process word if valid **
WM 500 IF WD>99 THEN SOUND PLR,255,10,0:G
O 500 600:REM ** array full **
UU 505 POKE 53768+I,IM68+60:POKE 53761+I,
160:IF LNG(PLR)<5 THEN S15:REM ** word
is too short to count **
AP 510 AOFF=PLR*1000+WD*10+AR5(AOFF+1,AOF
F+1)=T9(TOFF,TOFF+91):WOROS(PLR)=WD+1
UU 515 T5(TOFF,TOFF+91)=BL5
KH 520 IF NOT PLR THEN FOR Y=3 TO 7:I=(Y-
3)*5:POSITION 3,Y:IF M6:BS(I+1,I+5):NE
HT Y:GOTO 540
ES 530 FOR Y=3 TO 7:I=(Y-3)*5:POSITION 12
-10-Y:IF M6:BS(I+1,I+5):NEXT Y
US 540 LNG(PLR)=0:POKE 87,1:POSITION 1+15
:PLR,11:IF M6:WORDS(PLR):
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UY 550 LOCATE TX,TY,Z:COLOR 2+32:PLOT TX,
TY
ZC 600 RETURN
ZJ 990 REM ** main play loop **
AE 1000 POKE 53761+PLR=2,0
MI 1002 IF STRIG(0) AND FIRE(0) THEN FIRE
(0)=0
PB 1003 IF STRIG(1) AND FIRE(1) THEN FIRE
(1)=0
FW 1004 IF PEEK(542)>0 THEN 1002
OK 1005 POKE 542,51:PLR= NOT PLR:NOFF=9HPL
R:TOFF=10HPLR+=1:L=LNGLPLR:WD=WORD5(P
LR):I=PLR2:POKE 07,2
FM 1010 ST=STICK(PLR):IF ST>15 THEN GOSU
B 200:GOTO 1030
ZD 1015 T=STRIG(PLR):IF NOT T AND NOT F
IRE(PLR) THEN GOSUB 400
EH 1020 REM ** update TIME **
KE 1030 TI=PEEK(540):IF TI THEN 1050
YM 1035 TIME=TIME-1
HI 1040 POKE 540,60:POKE 87,1:POSITION 9,
11:IF M6:TIME=" " THEN 12
BB 1050 GOTO 1000:REM ** end of main loop
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SA 1190 REM ** end of round **
NL 1200 GOSUB 2700:FOR I=0 TO 8 STEP -1:
3:POKE 53229,8:POKE 540,I:GOSUB 40:NEW
T I
OT 1205 POKE 87,2:POSITION 5,0:IF M6:DUP1
Icate$1:FOR L=0 TO 1
GH 1210 IF WORD5(L)>1 THEN PLR=L:GOSUB 30
BB
GG 1220 NEXT L
GI 1230 IF WORD5(0)<1 OR WORD5(1)<1 THEN
1240
LL 1235 GOSUB 2000:POSITION 5,0:IF M6:IN
TICES: "1GOSUB 3300
PA 1240 GOSUB 2000:POSITION 1,9:IF M6:INC
EPT < > REJECT"
VK 1250 POSITION 5,0:IF M6:REVERSE IT:IF
OR L=0 TO 1:PLR=L:GOSUB 3500:NEXT L
UI 1260 POSITION 8,0:FOR I=0 TO 9:IF M6:BL
5,I:NEWT I:POSITION 1,4:IF M6:BS(I):NE
WT I:POKE 540,200:GOSUB 40
PM 1270 IF SCORE(0)>WIN AND SCORE(1)>WIN
THEN 1300:REM ** skip following if not
end of game **
PK 1280 IF SCORE(0)>SCORE(1) THEN WINNER=
0:GOTO 1295
CT 1285 IF SCORE(0)=SCORE(1) THEN 1297
WM 1290 WINNER=1
VF 1295 POSITION 2,6:IF M6:"player ":"WINN
ER":IF M6:WIN":GOTO 1298
LJ 1297 POSITION 5,6:IF M6:"it's a tie"
RY 1298 FOR I=50 TO 250 STEP 3:POKE 540,I
:GOSUB 40:BSOUND 0,I,10,6:BSOUND 1,300-I
,10,6:NEXT I:GOSUB 2700:GOTO 1500
DC 1300 GOSUB 4000:GOSUB 2000:GOSUB 2500:
ROUND=ROUND+1:POKE 87,1:POSITION 13-1W
CROUND>91,15:IF M6:ROUND:GOSUB 2600
ZA 1340 GOTO 1000:REM ** start next round
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JL 1588 GOSUB 2600:GOSUB 5000:GOTO 1800:R
EM ** end of game - restart **
MM 1990 REM ** display letter grid **
ZD 2000 POKE 87,2:7 #6:CHR$(125):POSITION
  6,8:7 #6:CHR$(125)
RK 2005 FOR I=1 TO 25:C=INT(PEEK(RANDOM3)*
  96/256)+1:POKE(I,I):S=C,C)NEXT I
KX 2010 FOR Y=3 TO 7:Z=Y-3:POSITION 3
  ,Y:7 #6:CHR$(1,I+5):POSITION 12,10-Y:7
  #6:09(C,I+1,I+5):NEXT Y
UO 2015 REM ** border **
WF 2040 FOR Y=2 TO 8 STEP 6:FOR H=2 TO 8:
  POSITION X,Y:7 #6:CHR$(1):POSITION H+9,Y:7
  #6:09(C,I+1,I+5):NEXT Y
WD 2050 FOR H=2 TO 8 STEP 6:FOR Y=3 TO 7:
  POSITION X,Y:17 #6:CHR$(1):POSITION H+9,Y:17
  #6:09(C,I+1,I+5):NEXT Y
OC 2060 FOR I=8 TO 11:PLR=I:H OFF=9:PLR=GOS
UW 2065 RETURN
AC 2100 RETURN
YF 2490 REM ** build scoring window **
LL 2500 POKE 87,1:FOR I=8 TO 15 STEP 15:P
  OSITION I,18:7 #6:CHR$(1):
NN 2510 POSITION I+1,11:7 #6:09(C,I+1,I+5):POSI
  TION I,12:7 #6:CHR$(1):POSITION I+1,13
  I? #6:SCORE(I+14=L+15):NEXT I
OO 2515 SOUND 0,120,10,8:POKE 540,18:GOSU
U 8 #6:GOSUB 2700
BU 2520 POSITION 0,18:7 #6:CHR$(1):POSITION
  N,9,11:7 #6:"200":POSITION 6,15:7 #6:"round":
  round: "
AZ 2550 RETURN
PL 2590 REM ** "go on" prompt **
JZ 2600 POKE 87,2:POSITION 0,9:7 #6:PRE
  S 5 1800:TO 90 ON!"IF PEEK(53279)=6 THEN
  POP :GOSUB 5000:GOTO 1000
VK 2610 IF STRIG(0) AND STRIG(13) THEN POS
  ITION 6,9? #6:"fire":GOTO 2600
KH 2620 IF NOT STRIG(0) OR NOT STRIG(1)
  THEN 2620
GB 2630 POSITION 0,1:7 #6:BL5:POSITION
  N,9,9? #6:BL5:BL5:RETURN
BB 2650 REM ** turn off sound **
FB 2700 POKE 53761,8:POKE 53763,8:RETURN
PR 2790 REM ** 4 clicks **
MG 2800 FOR I=1 TO 4:POKE 540,5:POKE 5327
  9,8:GOSUB 40:NEXT I:RETURN
CF 2990 REM ** find and delete dupes **
IP 3000 FOR I=1+18*PLR STEP 18:TPS=AR5(I,I+9):OU
  P=0:POKE 53279,0
IU 3020 IF TPS=BL5 THEN 3060
SZ 3025 FOR J=I+10 TO WORDS(PLR)=18-19+10
  18*PLR STEP 18
UU 3030 IF TPS>AR5(J,J+9) THEN 3055
OK 3035 IF PEEK(540)>8 AND NOT DUP THEN
  3035
OR 3037 IF NOT STRIG(0) OR NOT STRIG(1)
  THEN 3037
NM 3040 AR5(C,J,J+9)=BL5:IF NOT DUP THEN P
  OSITION 8+18*PLR,1:7 #6:TPS:POKE 540,1
  20:DUP=1
GL 3055 NEXT J
FJ 3060 NEXT I
MA 3070 POKE 540,120:GOSUB 40:POSITION 0+
  18*PLR,1:7 #6:BL5:RETURN
CO 3298 REM ** find matches and eliminate
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DK 3300 FOR I=1 TO WORDS(0)=18-9 STEP 18:
  TPS=AR5(I,I+9):POKE 53279,0:IF TPS=BL5
  THEN 3300
SX 3325 FOR J=1001 TO WORDS(I)=10-9+1888
  STEP 18
BB 3330 IF TPS>AR5(J,J+9) THEN 3325
YF 3340 GOSUB 40:IF NOT STRIG(0) OR NOT
  STRIG(13) THEN 3340
WP 3350 AR5(C,J,J+9)=BL5:AR5(I,I+9)=BL5:POS

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VE 10 REM WIDETEXT.BAS
YY 20 REM BY BILL MORRIS
RH 30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
KH 40 GOSUB 20000:POKE 710,144
HL 50 CLR :DIM R$1480
LK 60 ? "WHAT?":?
XP 70 ? " SPC=10H&H&L&H&S 1 & GRAPHICS
D"12 17
RL 80 ? "                                BY:"?
ZP 90 ? 12 "      B L 12 12  H"0, P=1, A$H"
CR 100 K=USR11536
UI 110 GOSUB 7300
HD 120 POKE 712,0
PB 130 ? 1? " WIDETEXT IS A BASIC PROGRAM
THAT"
DM 140 ? "USES A LITTLE MACHINE LANGUAGE
TO"
WH 150 ? "CREATE A GR.1 CHARACTER SET THA
T"
XL 160 ? "USES A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES:"
PB 170 ? 1? "THEY CAN GO ANYWHERE ON TH
E SCREEN"
MT 180 ? "2-THE COLOR MATCHES THE GR.0 TE
XT."
AC 190 ? "3-THE BACKGROUND STAYS INTACT."
JN 200 ? "4-INVERSE VIDEO WORKS."
JR 210 ? "5-EACH WIDE LETTER IS PRINTED W
ITH 2"
NK 220 ? " KEYSTROKES! LOWER CASE A + C0
MTRBL"
KB 230 ? " A GIVE US A WIDE A."
UP 240 GOSUB 7300
BB 250 ? " TO GET USER INPUT, OF COURSE,
HE"
BE 260 ? "CAN'T EXPECT A USER OF OUR PRBG
RAMS"
CV 270 ? "TO INPUT ANYTHING REQUIRING 2 S
TROKES"
BL 280 ? "PER LETTER. HERE IS A ROUTINE T
HAT"
HV 290 ? "GETS AS IN THE PROGRAM'S CHOICE
8F"
CA 300 ? "WIDE OR NORMAL CHARACTERS"
UK 310 GOSUB 7300
IG 320 LIST 6000,6090:LIST 6400,6600
UD 330 GOSUB 7300
TV 340 GOSUB 6020
OC 350 END
BT 6000 REM WIDE INPUT,NORMAL INPUT
VH 6010 DIM AS1480
EY 6020 OPEN #1,4,0,"K"
HO 6030 ? "YOUR FAVORITE COMPUTER?"
KH 6040 WIDE=0:GOSUB 6400
FH 6050 OPEN #1,4,0,"K"
MN 6060 ? "YOUR FAVORITE MAGAZINE?"
JA 6070 AS1$="" :AS1$(0)=S1:AS1$(2)=S2
LR 6080 WIDE=1:GOSUB 6400
BF 6090 RETURN
RP 6100 REM ***** INPUT ROUTINE*****
ZC 6110 X=1
KU 6120 GET #1,R
XJ 6130 IF R=155 THEN 6510
YK 6140 IF WIDE=0 THEN 6400
NF 6150 IF R=32 THEN ? ":";:GOTO 6400
CL 6160 L=R+32:? CHR$(L):
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HU 6420 C=R-64: ? CHR$(C): :GOTO 6490
XD 6480 ? CHR$(C): :?
AA 6490 AS1$(0)=CHR$(R)
GH 6500 K=X+1:GOTO 6420
AH 6510 ? 1? AS1$CLOSE #1:RETURN
AB 6520 RETURN
EU 7300 POSITION 2,22
GM 7310 ? " PRESS ENTER TO EXIT TO BASIC" TO
COMT: "
FF 7320 OPEN #1,4,0,"K":"
KU 7330 GET #1,R
NH 7340 CLOSE #1
LR 7350 ? "":"
BB 7360 RETURN
SL 20000 FOR A=1536 TO 1702:READ B:POKE A
, B:NEXT A:RETURN
ZD 20010 DATA 104,169,0,133,69,133
FY 20020 DATA 284,133,286,133,71,56
SY 20030 DATA 165,89,233,1,133,72
FJ 20040 DATA 233,1,133,207,233,1
NT 20050 DATA 133,205,233,1,133,70
LS 20060 DATA 168,0,185,0,224,145
YY 20070 DATA 69,185,0,225,145,204
WI 20080 DATA 145,254,6,74,74,74
FL 20090 DATA 74,141,255,6,173,254
AW 20100 DATA 6,41,15,32,186,6
ZH 20110 DATA 145,206,173,255,6,32
BR 20120 DATA 186,6,145,71,280,192
BI 20130 DATA 200,208,213,185,0,224
BR 20140 DATA 145,69,185,0,225,145
FT 20150 DATA 284,185,0,226,145,206
SI 20160 DATA 185,0,227,145,71,208
HD 20170 DATA 192,255,208,231,165,70
BG 20180 DATA 141,244,2,96,170,41
NU 20190 DATA 8,201,0,208,7,138
RA 20200 DATA 24,185,184,76,121,6
AK 20210 DATA 138,178,44,4,281,4
RO 20220 DATA 288,7,138,24,185,44
TJ 20230 DATA 76,136,6,138,170,41
GF 20240 DATA 2,281,2,208,7,138
HP 20250 DATA 24,185,10,76,151,6
VE 20260 DATA 138,178,44,1,281,1
HR 20270 DATA 288,7,138,24,185,2
SH 20280 DATA 76,166,6,138,96,8

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0100 : WIDE=0:ENH 16:SETTIMER=54
0110 : BY BILL MORRIS
0120 :
0130 ONECHAR =56FF : TEMPORARY
0140 HALFCHR =56FF : HOLBERS
0150 CH085 =52F4 : CHAR SET POINTER
0160 NUMBERS =545 : BORROWED FROM DUP
0170 CAPS =5CC : SAFE FROM BASIC
0180 CONTROL =5CE
0190 LOWER =547 : ALSO BELONGS TO DUP
0200 ==566B8
0210 PLA : SETUP RETURN TO BASIC
0220 : LD BYTE OF PAGE # VARIABLES =0
0230 LD #B
0240 STA $45 : LB BYTE NUMBERS AND
0250 STA $CC : LB BYTE CAPS AND
0260 STA $CE : LB BYTE CONTROL CHARS

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0228 STA $47 : LD BYTE LOWER CASE
0288 SEC
0298 LDA $59 : PAGE # SCREEN MEMORY
0308 SBC #1
0318 STA $48 : PAGE # LOWER CASE
0328 SBC #1
0338 STA $CF : PAGE # CONTROL CHARS
0348 SBC #1
0358 STA $C0 : PAGE # CAPS
0368 SBC #1
0378 STA $46 : PAGE # NUMBERS
0388 LDY #0 : SET COUNTER
0398 : BEGIN SPREADING LETTERS,
0408 : ONE BYTE AT A TIME
0418 START LDA $E000,Y : COPY NUMBERS
0428 STA $(NUMBERS),Y : STORE THEM
0438 LDA $E100,Y : COPY CAPS
0448 STA $(CAPS),Y : STORE UNCHANGED
0458 STA ONECHAR : MAKE EXTRA COPY
0468 LSR A : SHIFT LEFT
0478 LSR A : NYBBLE INTO
0488 LSR A : RIGHT NYBBLE, LEAVING
0498 LSR A : LEFT NYBBLE EMPTY
0508 STA HALFCHAR : FILE IT AWAY
0510 LDA ONECHAR : THAT EXTRA COPY
0520 AND #5F : KILL LEFT NYBBLE
0530 JSR BITS : SPREAD RIGHT NYBBLE
0540 STA $(CONTROL),Y : STORE RIGHT
0550 : HALF OF NEW LETTER
0560 LDA HALFCHAR : GET OTHER HALF
0570 JSR BITS : SPREAD IT
0580 STA $(LOWER),Y : STORE LEFT HALF
0590 INY : COUNTER = COUNTER +1
0600 CPY #26:#0 : 0 BYTES TO A LETTER
0610 : 26 LETTERS TO AN ALPHABET
0620 BNE START : NEXT Y
0630 FINISH LDA $E000,Y : STORE
0640 STA $(NUMBERS),Y : MISC.
0650 LDA $E100,Y : CHARACTERS
0660 STA $(CAPS),Y : UNCHANGED
0670 LDA $E200,Y
0680 STA $(CONTROL),Y
0690 LDA $E300,Y
0700 STA $(LOWER),Y
0710 INY
0720 CPY #5FF : DONE
0730 BNE FINISH
0740 LDA $46 : FIRST PAGE # NEW SET
0750 STA CHRS : POKE INTO POINTER
0760 RTS : RETURN TO BASIC, BYE BYE
0770 :
0780 : SUBROUTINE TO SPREAD HALF
0790 : A BITE INTO THE FULL BYTE
0800 :
0810 BITS TAX : SAVE A COPY
0820 AND #8 : SEE IF BIT 3 IS DN
0830 CMP #8 : 000001000
0840 BNE BIT2 : IF NOT GOTO BIT2
0850 TRA : GET THE COPY
0860 CLC :
0870 ADC #588: BIT 3 OFF, 6 & 7 ON
0880 : 110000000
0890 JMP CLR2 : BYPASS NEXT LINE
0900 BIT2 TAX : GET UNALTERED COPY
0910 CLR2 TAX : STASH LATEST VERSION
0920 AND #4 : SEE IF BIT 2 IS ON
0930 CMP #4 : 00000100
0940 BNE BIT1 : IF NOT, THEN BIT1
0950 TRA
0960 CLC
0970 ADC #32C : IF SO, DO THIS
0980 JMP CLR1: 001100000
0990 BIT1 TRA
1000 CLR1 TAX
1010 AND #2 : BIT 1?
1020 CMP #2 : 000000011
1030 BNE BIT0

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1040 TRA
1050 CLC
1060 ADC #58A : BECOMES
1070 JMP CLR0 : 00000100
1080 BITD TRA
1090 CLR0 TRA
1100 AND #1 : 00000001
1110 CMP #1
1120 ONE BIT06
1130 TRA
1140 CLC
1150 ADC #582 : 000000011
1160 JMP CLR06
1170 BIT06 TRA
1180 CLR06 RTS : RETURN

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HE 10 REM PEEKER
YY 20 REM BY BILL MORRIS
RH 30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
OK 40 X=20010:REM DATA STATEMENTS WILL ST
ART WITH THIS LINE NUMBER
MM 50 FOR A=1550 TO 1701 STEP 6
OK 60 ? CHR$(125):POKESPOSITION 2,6
VE 70 ? X;" DATA ";
SO 80 ? PEEK(A);","
FJ 90 ? PEEK(A+3);","
TH 100 ? PEEK(A+2);","
TK 110 ? PEEK(A+33);","
UN 120 ? PEEK(A+43);","
RN 130 ? PEEK(A+53)
GU 140 POSITION 2,0:POKE 842,13:POKESPOSITION
2,7;"CDNT"
FX 150 POSITION 2,4:STDP
MM 160 POKE 842,12
PY 170 X=X+10
DF 180 NEXT A
DI 190 ENO

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# ○ TOUCH TABLET CURSOR

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YU 18 REM KOALA CURSOR DEMONSTRATION
YU 20 REM BY KORL E. WIEGERS
RH 30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
EH 40 AD=1593:REM AD=1596 FOR ATARI TOUCH
    TABLET.
OZ 50 DATA 181,169,7,162,6,168,18,76,92,2
20,175,112,2,141,8,208,168
MA 60 DATA 6,169,8,145,205,136,16,251,173
,113,2,135,205,168,8,177,205
AL 70 REM GB DATA 6,169,8,145,205,136,16,
251,169,220,56,237,113,2,133,205,160,8
,177,205
IR 80 REM FOR TOUCH TABLET. USE THE ABOVE
    DATA LINE IN PLACE OF LINE 68.
VE 90 DATA 145,285,208,192,7,208,247,165,
20,281,4,280,7,286,192,2,169
IT 100 DATA 8,133,28,76,98,226,184,168,98
,162,228,169,7,76,92,228
RR 110 REM RESERVE 8 PAGES OF RAM FOR PM
    GRPHICS
BY 120 RAMTOP=PEEK(186)-8
HM 130 PMBASE=RAMTOP+256
OH 140 POKE 186, RAMTOP-4
YH 150 GRPHICS 17
MS 160 POKE 54279, RAMTOP
LR 170 POKE 559,8
ON 180 REM LOAD VERTICAL BLANK INTERRUPT
    ROUTINE INTO PAGE 6
KN 190 FOR I=1 TO (AD-1525):READ A:POKE 1
555+I,A:NEXT I
FO 200 FOR I=PMBASE+1824 TO PMBASE+1279:P
    OKE I,O:NEXT I
SV 210 POKE 285,8:POKE 284, RAMTOP
GW 220 POKE 205,8:POKE 206, RAMTOP+4
RV 230 REM LOAD PLAYER DATA
YL 240 FOR I=8 TO 6:READ A:POKE PHRASE+I,
    A$MENT I
VC 250 DATA 120,64,32,28,12,38,6
ZA 260 GRPHICS 17
HM 270 POSITION 4,1:?" MENU ?":??
JK 280 POSITION 5,5:?" MENU ITEM 1":?
HM 290 POSITION 5,7:?" MENU ITEM 2":?
MM 300 POSITION 5,9:?" MENU ITEM 3":?
IR 310 POSITION 8,11:?" MENU ITEM 4":?
CJ 318 POSITION 8,11:?" QUIT":?
BV 320 REM TURN ON PMG AND INITIALIZE TIM
    ER
RH 330 POKE 559,62
VM 340 POKE 53277,3
EM 350 POKE 28,8
AD 360 REM TURN ON VBI ROUTINE. TO TURN I
    T OFF, USE A=USR(A)
YH 370 A=USR(1536)
OZ 380 FOR I=1 TO 100:NEXT I
EA 390 IF STICK(0)=15 THEN 398
NZ 400 IF PEEK(205)>63 AND PEEK(205)<24 T
    HEN GOTO 450
MM 410 IF PEEK(205)>79 AND PEEK(205)<98 T
    HEN GOTO 520
TS 420 IF PEEK(205)>95 AND PEEK(205)<106
    THEN GOTO 600
KK 430 IF PEEK(205)>111 AND PEEK(205)<122
    THEN GOTO 750
DG 440 GOTO 390
VH 450 GRAPHICS 18:POKE 559,62:POKE 53248
    ,8
GU 460 A=USR(A0)
PW 470 POSITION 4,3:?" AT OPTION ONE":?
CD 480 POSITION 2,217:?" ?":??
    @"?1? H6:?" MENU"
PC 490 FOR I=1 TO 100:NEXT I
WI 500 IF STICK(0)=15 THEN 508
OK 510 GOTO 260
PI 520 GRAPHICS 2:POKE 559,62:POKE 752,1
LV 530 POKE 708,88:POKE 789,8:POKE 718,19
    ,8
RZ 540 POSITION 6,2:?" #6;"? + 5 = ?"
FA 550 POSITION 4,6:?" #6;"#8 12 2 16"
NU 560 ? " Point to answer and press butt
    on"
OW 570 IF STICK(0)=15 THEN 578
OL 580 LM=16058-10HA0
RF 590 IF PEEK(625)<LM OR PEEK(625)>LM+17
    THEN 578
PG 600 IF PEEK(624)>99 AND PEEK(624)<121
    THEN GOTO 620:REM PADDLE(0)
WP 610 POSITION 3,8:?" #6;"SORRY-TRY AGAIN
    :"FOR I=1 TO 50:NEXT I:GOTO 570
UV 620 POSITION 3,8:?" H6;" CORRECT!::
    "
RM 630 POSITION 34,2:?" #6;"#8?
HU 640 ? " Press button for MENU"
DM 650 FOR I=1 TO 100:NEXT I
OU 660 IF STICK(0)=15 THEN 668
OK 670 GOTO 260
UP 680 GRAPHICS 18:POKE 559,62:POKE 53248
    ,8
HC 690 A=USR(A0)
ZA 700 POSITION 3,3:?" #6;"AT OPTION THREE":?
    "
CF 710 POSITION 2,217:?" ?":??
    @"?1? H6:?" MENU"
OB 720 FOR I=1 TO 100:NEXT I
OZ 730 IF STICK(0)=15 THEN 738
OS 740 GOTO 260
OZ 750 POKE 53248,8:A=USR(A0)
MK 760 POKE 186,PEEK(186)+12
ZK 770 POKE 559,3:GRAPHICS 0:END

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# DISKIO

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## LISTING 1

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OL 1 REM DISKIO VERSION 4.3 -- BY BERNARD
OPPENHEIM ANTIC, JANUARY 1985, PUB
LIC DOMAIN. REQUIRES DOS 2.05.
HN 2 DIM DATS(114),CHS(2):K32=32768:IF PE
EK(1693)=255 THEN 19
EN 3 FOR I=1 TO 150:READ N:POKE 1535+I,X:
NEXT I
HN 4 DATA 184,184,184,153,285,184,184,178
,184,153,284,184,153,283,24,165,283,18
,125,153,283,144,2,238,284,168
NC 5 DATA 8,177,283,153,212,288,177,283,1
33,213,40,72,232,228,212,248,10,154,21
2,165,213,9,128,153,213,288,57
KS 6 DATA 288,177,285,153,285,56,233,3,13
3,286,169,8,168,74,144,2,9,128,81,283,
288,196,286,144,244,133,287,74,74
DD 7 DATA 74,74,281,18,144,3,24,105,7,185
,48,289,283,288,13,288,288,196,285,248
,167,136,165,287,41,15,16,238,96
NL 8 DATA 184,184,153,284,184,153,283,168
,8,132,213,177,283,56,233,40,281,18,14
4,2,233,7,18,10,18,10,153,212
PT 9 DATA 288,177,283,56,233,48,281,18,14
4,2,233,7,24,181,212,153,212,96,8
PJ 10 GOSUB 19:L=N:USR(1536,LEN0,LINE0,ADR
0):IF LN<K32 THEN POKE 1693,255:LIST L
:N:END
2K 11 IF LN>K32 THEN POKE 1693,255:LN=LN-
K32:?"LINE ",LN," IS MISSING":END
BM 12 ?;"READY TO CREATE AUTODRUM.SYS FILE
?":CLDSE M1:OPEN #1,4,0,"K":GET M1,X
:IF X<>89 THEN END
RH 13 CLDSE #1:OPEN #1,8,0,"D:AUTODRUM.SYS
":RESTORE 281:CHADR=AUTODRUM$1:TRAP 18
DD 14 READ DATS:L=LEN(DATS)-2:IF ASC(DATS
)>47 THEN IF ASC(DAT$3)<71 THEN 17
G0 15 FOR I=1 TO LICNS:DATS(I):M=ASC(CHN3
):IF N=33 THEN N=155
ND 16 PUT M1,X:NEXT I:GOTO 14
BZ 17 FOR I=1 TO L STEP 2:I=CHR$(DATS(I)):N=U
SR(1647,CHADR):PUT M1,I:X:NEXT I:GOTO 14
VK 18 CLDSE M1:END
VS 19 ADRB=PEEK(1393)+256=PEEK(1393):LINEB=
PEEK(CHADR):LENB=PEEK(CHADR)+23:RETURN
WD 20 DATA FFFF0C13429680AD01A9C9FC889C9
0BD96E6A9238DF71DA580CD41E1500004849
MD 21 DATA 1E9A49050C91E850809F992262861
26A2488888891803C94509F68918838560
TD 22 DATA C9A9FC991883891C08505CC91C991C
03A80F81C99FC1C881B89A68000B1A911C
WB 23 DATA 10D8011D18A8B481C8691800081DC8
81C869000081D91A0350D6E782A92980D8#02EC
RU 24 DATA 60283E688C989F085EEF91D286898
488A48A20685C848C81BF8ADF91DF8378516
KU 25 DATA CD9888DF91D850D88F82ADF282F8
26 DATA 85CA91E05CCD8828F810D8C0C4
C0DF8F681C8C9FFFB8297F98885D8E9018D
IR 27 DATA C818EAC804C81C848C801C486800
888822310B881C81B8F981869834C8282
FF 28 DATA A80084D8A92E990805C84C804CEA9
22CDF71DFB80A9558C89A91C85C4C4A82073
BS 29 DATA A50BD00C89A8816850CD524A9858525
A9858522A2F96895D2838F868A68A8A9AA
L2 30 DATA 9820682481528271D9A9888DF91D68
FF585846494E442F4826252F811E25444906
AK 31 DATA B21F362E8C4216344454C8E28844445
4C4554E528712EC821654C4F43C828752E68
HN 32 DATA 052165554EAE2884554E4C4F43C828
792ECE216352458E288452454414C452815
TF 33 DATA 79848494CCE288972ECS216545A820A4
454E5458228E32ECC21654C4F8E28844CAF
DA 34 DATA 4F41C428E52E82126552554E4C215A
2ED52165533E828A4534156C528E32ED02166
SK 35 DATA 634C49NE28844C495354C421584C8E
28844C4953D41E252E22165424C8E28844D8
DH 36 DATA 124C4F41C4268648454C8E28823464F
524B41D425192EC2D16540RE28844D4568
DM 37 DATA C52E567444FD3249E7F431352A2E
299828841998020552931A8844C8D8883D8A
SR 38 DATA A835808F810D80311F80689A9848A9
1F48A9832006259818834C8C23286722A938
NK 39 DATA 8888EE05850D1A97D80C685A91D08DC7
#599888D8C85A9C648898548A8288989A29
AD 40 DATA 8820625A8DEE850D1A8091C98C6858D
C785A99880C86852056E1287C228F81878
CD 41 DATA A5D1699185D1028901F88A9C6850C8
A98585CCD880A9D8A85C8A90858CE5C84808F
AL 42 DATA A5CC48A814985828D6259818862884
194C8611EEE88580D9428D1C68972CEE88E
DY 43 DATA 0581B28881C8C91C80800F7C801C8
C891C8888885D1978D80692891C0088968
CV 44 DATA 4A8484A818693891C91C8A5D1998F18
695891C8498C6A9288D0D8858D9854C23A
NR 45 DATA 1F282D284C6E61E88DE85A4CE28E8
28C324A5D8F8B686864C861E6ECC22A094
PP 46 DATA 88A4C88480814985828D6259818862884
C48A9856980488DE85C8938D828A8042852
PK 47 DATA D25981885688688948C8236BA92108
01923D#0A924D8A94C828E8282856252C
SD 48 DATA F80538674C861EA92D8089698885D8
4C261EAD48E858C80481E58084C74E4A888
AG 49 DATA 8820681D81C8E8881C827979888581
C83#08C8282828E6C10E0C8051C848C86118
PV 50 DATA C848A4C8608C804856C8D4ACD888988
#5998185CF885D8F489289988056884CEA5
EK 51 DATA 2928C324C261E283321ADF71D
D988058013C8C6A938D98885092F28C82838
H2 52 DATA A831998805D9282C820ADF7199988
#5C828C8289494998805C828C828DADF71D5C
DF 53 DATA 998865C828C828936998056888988
#5C928D828C4CDF81C8C804C8F8589918562
UE 54 DATA 998805C4CDF883C10F3A9289980185
ACF8851B9684C8A92997F88866D804C
CM 55 DATA A5CD982F864A8D285C9383850C938
185398E928C9180882A988D8F185AD83859A
SB 56 DATA 38E92880F285C9183880A9C91A886A5
CDC983D8880DF1858D8F285A9888DF8185A568
AY 57 DATA C848A5C84838588E91285C8A559E9
#885CC81581C8D#085A928283D22A9142814
LA 58 DATA 322A80181C8D8896868A88885084C
251ECD82850E788ADF185297F7C8D888D8E
K9 59 DATA C8681C8C9808784C898AD#01A288D
81858D82852CF185383B8D83858812335F9
IL 60 DATA 21A988283D22A8822829229A922847
22A9F82838228828228226885C8685C82F
FH 61 DATA A98105CE4C8A52861C8F88628542228
47228818368C8C1865C805C898826ECC4A
HV 62 DATA 688086859848A888282868A886848
282A282A29838A88299F1D6522628688887
IR 63 DATA 6818A55869168DF585A55969888DF6

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48004455A90069954480D4583A888A98952857
NC 09 DATA D625C8AATF814EEF885A9888D42B3A8
0820564A9000B226208E19208A196806808A8
NB 98 DATA 99818569989080592C99285D0DF885
68904285C98D8698094A3180989980922
EE 91 DATA 498399049480368005C0556000D40566
94D5B389D044835ACD854908D5C8548C568C
ZL 92 DATA E4A4CE280EF28A218A9888D9E151BA9
8165CE9D4483A98569890D4583ACD854907E80
PD 93 DATA 05C92FD80E8C6C8DCD8097F85C94E0D
85CE9E15A4DCA99899808528A15E880D85A
V8 94 DATA 034C61EEB03F0652620A8194C8C23A9
E002262280E1920A8194C861E05C806CC4580
CT 95 DATA C806C280E194A8F88C801CF88E28
F0EEE99000E6C8D802E6CCD80EE2860A93F98
H9 96 DATA A2272861264C861E2844FF
YJ 97 DATA ISK DRIVE 1? YOU SURE??INSER
T DISK2?;HIT ANY KEY (S=TD SCREEN)!!08
ZM 98 DATA DUT OF RAM! ALREADY EXISTS!!AD
LOAD FILE178
RZ 99 DATA 1D1D10449C
HD 100 DATA ISKID 4.3 by Bernard Oppenhei
M!antic 1/85!TYPE HELP for commands!CA
FA 101 DATA 007D4315
JF 102 DATA DRMMANDS:!! DIR DIR DIR Drive!!!
                           DIRN DIR. Drive!!!
                           FDRMM Format disk!!!          62
EP 103 DATA WDD5  WRITE DDS.SYS!-X>LI ->LISTD List to disk!!-S>S. ->SAVE S
ave to disk!!-E>E. ->ENTER EF1
SF 104 DATA nter to mem..!-L->LDAD
Load to mem..!-R->RUND Run disk
file!.K-> LDECK Lock file!.E8
MH 105 DATA U->UM->UNLDECK Unlock file!.N
->RE->RENAME Rename file!.D->DEL->DEL
EDE Delete file!.B->BL->BLND B1F4
DD 106 DATA many load!.M->M> ->MDVE Mov
e file!.R9 Runs ms etc. To use DDS ty
PE KILL.Reboot to restore DISKID.!24
MU 107 DATA 00629205X20801D47

```

# INFO BITS

**LISTING 2**

```
10 : LISTING 2  
15 : INFOBITS.ASM  
30 ICCDM = $0542  
40 ICBL = $0344  
50 ICBAH = $0345  
60 ICBLL = $0348  
70 ICBLH = $0349  
80 CIDV = $E456  
90 PUTREC = $09  
0100 GETREC = $05  
0110 RDWCUR = $94  
0120 SM = $02C6
```

```

0130 EDL = 598
0140 ROLL = 90358
0150 SOUFL = 9E8
0160 SOUFH = 9E1
0170 SBLL = 5E2
0180 R = 5E3
0190 ROUF = 5B3FD
0200 H = 5B680
0210 PLA
0220 PLA
0230 STA SOUFL

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0240 PLA
0250 STA $B0FL
0260 PLA
0270 PLA
0280 STA $0LL
0290 ;
0300 GET LDX #510
0310 LDA #GETREC
0320 STA ICCDM.X
0330 LDA #BBUFAS5FF
0340 STA ICBLX.X
0350 LDA #BBUF+256
0360 STA ICBAH.X
0361 LDA #131
0363 STA ICBLH.X
0365 LDA #B
0367 STA ICBLH.X
0370 JSR CIDV
0380 BMI END
0390 ;
0400 LDX #B
0420 LDY #B
0430 P1 LDN RBUF.X
0460 P2 CMP ($B0FL),Y
0470 BEQ P3
0480 CPY #B
0490 BEQ P4
0500 LDY #B
0505 LDN R
0510 JMP P4
0520 P3 INY
0530 CPY $0LL
0540 BCS PRINT
0560 P4 INX
0570 CPY RBL
0580 BCS GET
0585 CPY #B
0590 ONE P1
0595 STX R
0600 JMP P1
0610 ;
0620 END RTS
0630 ;

```

0000 PRINT LDN #528  
 0010 LDA #PUTREC  
 0020 STA ICCDM.X  
 0030 LDA #131  
 0040 STA ICBLX.X  
 0050 LDA #B  
 0060 STA ICBLH.X  
 0070 ;  
 0080 LDA RDINCR  
 0090 CMP #28  
 0098 BCS PRDMPT  
 0098 ;  
 0098 LDA #RBUF+50A85FF  
 0098 STA ICBLX.X  
 0098 LDA #RBUF+50A/256  
 0098 STA ICBAH.X  
 0098 JSR CIDV  
 0098 JMP GET  
 0098 ;  
 1000 PRDMPT LDA #MESSAGE0FF  
 1010 STA ICBLX.X  
 1020 LDN #MESSAGE/256  
 1030 STA ICBAH.X  
 1040 JSR CIDV  
 1050 WAIT LDA CH  
 1060 CMP #255  
 1070 BEQ WAIT  
 1072 LDA #255  
 1074 STA CH  
 1080 LDN #CLEAR5FF  
 1090 STA ICBLX.X  
 1100 LDA #CLEAR/256  
 1110 STA ICBAH.X  
 1120 LDA #S  
 1130 STA ICBLH.X  
 1140 LDA #B  
 1150 STA ICBLH.X  
 1160 JSR CIDV  
 1170 JMP PRINT  
 2000 ;  
 2010 MESSAGE .BYTE "MESSAGE",EDL  
 2015 CLEAR .BYTE "#",EDL

## TECH TIPS

This routine zeroes-out 256 bytes of RAM starting at decimal address ADDRESS:

```

00 30 ZER=ADR("B0F0H-500H-000H-000H")
01 48 REM X=USR(ZER, ADDRESS) Zeroes-out
256 bytes of RAM.

```

This routine performs a double PEEK at decimal address ADDRESS and ADDRESS+1. It's equivalent to: X=PEEK(ADDRESS)+PEEK(ADDRESS+1)\*256

```

00 50 DBPK=ADR("B0F0H-500H-000H-000H")
01 50 REM X=USR(DBPK, ADDRESS) Does a do
uble PEEK at address and address+1.

```

Move NUM bytes from decimal address FROM to address TOO with this handy routine:

```

00 78 SHIFT=ADR("B0F0H-500H-000H-000H-000H-000H")
01 80 REM X=USR(SHIFT, FROM, TOO, NUM) Move
NUM bytes from memory location FROM
02 90 REM to location TOO.

```

POKE 580,1 causes a coldstart when the [RESET] key is pressed. POKE 580,255 returns the [RESET] key to its normal state.

This is a timer routine that will make the computer wait JIFFIES:

```

PC 100 JIFF=ADR("B0F0H-500H-000H-000H-000H-000H")
01 110 REM X=USR(JIFF, JIFFIES) Waits JIF
FIES

```

This statement quickly fills a string with blanks:

```

00 120 DIM NS$(100)
01 130 NS$(1)=" "
02 130 NS$(100)=NS$(2)=NS
03 140 REM QUICKLY FILLS A STRING WITH BL
ANKS.

```

NOTE: USR routines are REMmed to guide against potential lock-up. Remove REMs before RUNning.

POKE 65,0 shuts off the beeping you hear during cassette and disk I/O. POKE 65,3 turns it back on again.

POKE 77,129 immediately starts the attract mode.

Send your output to the printer instead of the screen with POKE 838,166:POKE 839,238. Then POKE 838,163:POKE 839,246 sends your output back to the screen.

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The programs are presented in fully-explained modules, with instructions on how to combine modules for a larger, more powerful program. The book appears to be a translation for the Atari from a version written for some other computer. So it includes a few commands which simply don't work.

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There are only seven short programs in the 75-page book, and none is well explained. However, as an interactive story-program for youngsters, "The Code Breakers" appears to have good entertainment value.

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The first section, "Word Play," presents the familiar word-search puzzle, word and sentence-scrambling programs. "IQ Building" consists primarily of memory exercises, including a concentration-type game. "Strategy Puzzles" contains the star program of the book, an ancient Japanese game called Dozo with a skillful computer opponent. This game alone is probably worth the price.

The "Music and Noise" section takes advantage of Atari's flexible music-generation capabilities, including a program for tuning guitars and one for tutoring guitar. Finally, "Computer Utilities" provides programs such as "A Calculator Utility," "Decimal/Hex/Binary Conversion," and believe it or not, "A Computer Dating Service"! An appendix accounts for the title's "1/2," and gives

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Creative Pastimes has a subcategory of books entitled "Itty Bitty Bytes". Intended for children from ages 6-9, the series attempts to capture children's interest with graphics and sound while teaching them about programming.

All books use the simple, straight-

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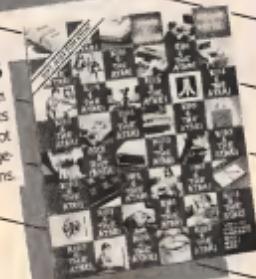
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# OP CODE FINDER

Simplifying machine  
code analysis

by DONNY CHERF

*Opcode Finder is a chart that conveniently brings together the symbols for all three formats of representing machine language subroutines in BASIC programs. This information makes it a lot simpler to hand-disassemble short subroutines for study or modification.*

Once you understand the fundamentals of assembly language programming, a good way to improve your skills is by analyzing existing programs. You can find machine language subroutines in many of the BASIC programs published in *Antic*. To learn how the machine language is being used in the program, you can disassemble these subroutines (convert them back to assembly language).

This job becomes a little harder because there are three possible formats that can be used for representing machine language data in BASIC programs. These formats are:

#### Decimal Numbers

- numbers between 0 and 255 represent specific bytes of machine code.

#### Hexadecimal Numbers

- two characters stand for one byte of machine code.

#### ATASCII Characters

- the ATASCII numerical value of each character in a string represents a byte of machine code.

I put together the following chart so it would be easier for me to hand-disassemble short subroutines, or modify them slightly, without having to load an assembler into my Atari. The chart lists all opcodes (assembly language operating codes) in numerical order—alongside the corresponding hexadecimal values, ATASCII characters and assembly language formats (Alforms).

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# assembly language

**Decimal and Hex Codes for Instruction Set  
NUMERICAL**

DEC	HX	CHAR	opc	ALform	DEC	HX	CHAR	opc	ALform	DEC	HX	CHAR	opc	ALform
0	00	█	BRK		89	59	▀	EOR	aaaa,Y	174	AE	█	LDX	aaaa
1	01	█	ORA	(aa,X)	93	5D	▀	EOR	aaaa,X	176	B0	█	BCS	aa
5	05	█	ORA	aa	94	5E	▀	LSR	aaaa,X	177	B1	█	LDA	(aa),Y
6	06	█	ASL	aa	96	60	█	RTS		180	B4	█	LDY	aa,X
8	08	█	PHP		97	61	█	ADC	(aa,X)	181	B5	█	LDA	aa,X
9	09	█	ORA	"nn	101	65	█	ADC	aa	182	B6	█	LDX	aa,Y
10	0A	█	ASL	A	102	66	█	ROR	aa	184	B8	█	CLV	
13	0D	█	ORA	aaaa	104	68	█	PLA		185	B9	█	LDA	aaaa,Y
14	0E	█	ASL	aaaa	105	69	█	ADC	"nn	186	BA	█	TSX	
16	10	█	BPL	aa	106	6A	█	ROR	A	188	BC	█	LDY	aaaa,Y
17	11	█	ORA	(aa),Y	108	6C	█	JMP	(aaaa)	189	BD	█	LDA	aaaa,X
21	15	█	ORA	aa,X	109	6D	█	ADC	aaaa	190	BE	█	LDX	aaaa,Y
22	16	█	ASL	aa,Y	110	6E	█	ROR	aaaa	192	CO	█	CPY	"nn
24	18	█	CLC		112	70	█	BVS	aa	193	C1	█	CMP	(aa,X)
25	19	█	ORA	aaaa,Y	113	71	█	ADC	(aa),Y	196	C4	█	CPY	aa
29	1D	█	ORA	aaaa,X	117	75	█	ADC	aa,X	197	C5	█	CMP	aa
30	1E	█	ASL	aaaa,X	118	76	█	ROR	aa,X	198	C6	█	DEC	aa
32	20	█	JSR	aaaa	120	78	█	SEI		200	CB	█	INY	
33	21	█	AND	(aa,X)	121	79	█	ADC	aaaa,Y	201	C9	█	CMP	"nn
36	24	█	BIT	aa	125	7D	█	ADC	aaaa,X	202	CA	█	DEX	
37	25	█	AND	aa	126	7E	█	ROR	aaaa,X	204	CC	█	CPY	aaaa
38	26	█	ROL	aa	129	81	█	STA	(aa,X)	205	CD	█	CMP	aaaa
40	28	█	PLP		132	84	█	STY	aa	206	CE	█	DEC	aaaa
41	29	█	AND	"nn	133	85	█	STA	aa	208	D0	█	BNE	aa
42	2A	█	ROL	A	134	86	█	STX	aa	209	D1	█	CMP	(aa),Y
44	2C	█	BIT	aaaa	136	88	█	DEY		213	D5	█	CMP	aa,X
45	2D	█	AND	aaaa	138	8A	█	TXA		214	D6	█	DEC	aa,X
46	2E	█	ROL	aaaa	140	8C	█	STY	aaaa	216	D8	█	CLD	
48	30	█	BMI	aa	141	8D	█	STA	aaaa	217	D9	█	CMP	aaaa,Y
49	31	█	AND	(aa),Y	142	8E	█	STX	aaaa	221	DD	█	CMP	aaaa,X
53	35	█	AND	aa,X	144	90	█	BCC	aa	222	DE	█	DEC	aaaa,X
54	36	█	ROL	aa,X	145	91	█	STA	(aa),Y	224	E0	█	CPX	"nn
56	38	█	SEC		148	94	█	STY	aa,X	225	E1	█	SBC	(aa,X)
57	39	█	AND	aaaa,Y	149	95	█	STA	aa,X	228	E4	█	CPX	aa
61	3D	█	AND	aaaa,X	150	96	█	STX	aa,Y	229	E5	█	SBC	aa
62	3E	█	ROL	aaaa,X	152	98	█	TYA		230	E6	█	INC	aa
64	40	█	RTI		153	99	█	STA	aaaa,Y	232	E8	█	INX	
65	41	█	EOR	(aa,X)	154	9A	█	TXS		233	E9	█	SBC	"nn
69	45	█	EOR	aa	157	9D	█	STA	aaaa,X	234	EA	█	NOP	
70	46	█	LSR	aa	160	A0	█	LDY	"nn	236	EC	█	CPX	aaaa
72	48	█	PHA		161	A1	█	LDA	(aa,X)	237	ED	█	SBC	aaaa
73	49	█	EOR	"nn	162	A2	█	LDX	"nn	238	EE	█	INC	aaaa
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serious about writing professional-level software or designing any kind of hardware for the Atari computer, this manual is a must. As we go along, I'll briefly explain the concepts you need for these articles, but these explanations are not offered as a substitute for the Tech Reference Notes.

#### SUMMING UP

So far we've learned: The OS contains a Generic Handler for parallel devices. It selects one of up to eight devices

through a hardware register and keeps track of it through a shadow register. The parallel device has a ROM containing low-level driver vectors (and, perhaps, the drivers themselves) and an INIT routine. During coldstart, the OS will run the INIT routine and the device will declare its existence by writing its bit into the Device Mask and putting its name, along with the Generic Handler's address into HATABS. In operation, the device and the OS communicate through the 6502's A, X, and Y registers plus the Page Zero IOCB. The parallel device cannot use OS Floating Point routines

because the device's ROM is mapped into those same locations.

Not too hard, huh? Next month we'll look at hardware requirements, and after that, we'll work up an example and look at interrupts. In the meantime, try to resist the urge to tear off that little cover. We'll explain how to do it safely in the next Antic.

*Earl Rice held a number of high-level technical positions at Atari, including head of users group support. His last post there was project leader of the projected top-of-the-line I450XL computer.*

# NEW ATARI FL

## Latest Simulation Software

by CHARLES JACKSON  
Antic Staff Writer

Professional pilots as well as armchair astronauts and arcade aces will enjoy these "uplifting" new programs for the Atari. Flight Simulator II and Space Shuttle plus F-15 Strike Eagle all offer more realism than many "professional" flight simulators.

### SPACE SHUTTLE

Space Shuttle is a home version of the flight simulator used to train shuttle astronauts. You begin your mission in the cockpit 15 seconds before liftoff. Fire your main engines and watch a blue sky fade to black as you pilot the shuttle into orbit 210 miles above the earth. There, you must rendezvous with a satellite and return to earth before running out of fuel.

Your shuttle is equipped with five radar screens, two sets of retro rockets and a mission status board. Use the board to monitor elapsed time, position, speed, fuel level, plus status of

your engines, landing gear and payload bay doors.

Programmers Steve Kitchen and Bob Henderson included many special effects. Just after liftoff, you'll see a flash of light and hear your booster rockets fall away from you. During reentry, while plummeting through the electrically-charged upper atmosphere, some of your instruments will temporarily "black out," just as they do during actual shuttle flights. As you near the runway, you'll hear a pair of sonic booms as you pass through the sound barrier. Upon landing, your main tires squeal as the shuttle rolls to a halt at the end of the runway.

Space Shuttle offers three training modes: an introductory level to give you the "feel" of flying the shuttle, a "training" level to sharpen your piloting skills, and the "Mission" level where you must test your skill against the clock and a diminishing fuel supply.

I'd recommend this simulation game for ages 10 and up.

### FLIGHT SIMULATOR II

Flight Simulator II is the most advanced flight simulator program available for the Atari. It puts you in the pilot's seat of a true-to-life light airplane, a Piper Cherokee Archer. The program features four-color scenery including mountains, islands, buildings, parks and 80 usable airports. At the start, you're on a runway at Meigs Field near Chicago, facing the Sears building and John Hancock tower. The program also comes with recognizable scenery for Chicago, New York, Seattle and Los Angeles.

Flight Simulator II has an editor that can freeze your position and change any combination of flight conditions, such as altitude, speed, location,

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Flight Simulator II  
SubLogic Corporation  
713 Edgebrook Drive  
Champaign, IL 61820  
(217) 359-8482  
\$49.95 38K—disk

Space Shuttle:  
*A Journey Into Space*  
Activision, Inc.  
2350 Bayshore Frontage Road  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
(415) 960-0410  
\$34.95 16K—cartridge

F-15 Strike Eagle  
MicroProse Software  
10616 Beaver Dam Road  
Hunt Valley, MD 21030  
(301) 667-1151  
\$34.95, 48K—disk

power setting, weather conditions and time of day.

Beginners should be warned that Flight Simulator II is a sophisticated program with very detailed instructions. If you've never piloted an airplane before, your first few days with this software will be filled with stalls and crashes.

Flight Simulator II is not easy to fly. The plane is controlled by joystick plus much of the keyboard. You must press the right cursor arrow key 16 times to advance from idle to full

throttle. Press the [5] and [B] keys to look out of the rear window, and repeatedly press the [C] or [M] key to move the rudder.

The program comes with a 92-page book about aeronautics, a 90-page flight manual and pilot's handbook, four flight charts and a double-sided "quick reference" card. Flight Simulator II is not really a game, although it offers a "game" option. The program is actually an excellent training tool which can best be used by student pilots or aviation buffs aged 16 and up.

## F-15 STRIKE EAGLE

Launch into the most exciting aerial combat since *Star Raiders* with F-15 Strike Eagle. Microprose Software has realistically computerized seven sky battlezones over the Mid-East and Vietnam.

As the pilot of a fully equipped F-15 jet fighter, your first mission sends you into Libya to bomb military airfields and the Libyan Air Command Center. A Libyan Su-22 fires a heat-seeking missile toward you as the dogfight begins. Should you need to refuel, you can land on the carrier Nimitz, now patrolling the Mediterranean just off the coast of Libya.

The U.S. Air Force F-15 offers state-of-the-art navigation and weapons systems, including computerized radar and tracking displays, radar jammers, electronic early-warning systems, automatic steering cues, eight supersonic guided missiles, 18 bombs and a 20mm cannon with 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Your flight instruments, navigation cues and warning signals are projected onto the front windshield. These "heads-up" displays let pilots monitor their instruments while closing on a target. The game is the first flight simulator to include such a display.

The game is controlled by keyboard and joystick. A second joystick may be added to control your throttle and speedbrakes.

F-15 Strike Eagle is an engrossing game which challenges pilots of all skill levels. Beginners will enjoy flying the F-15. Jet aces will enjoy mastering it.



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## ROME AND THE BARBARIANS NAPOLEON AT WATERLOO

KRENtek Software

P.O. Box 3372

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\$34.95 each, 32K—disk or cassette

Reviewed by Michael Cinaolo

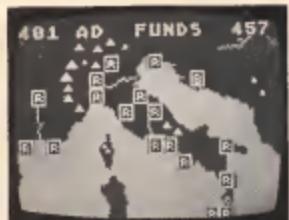
In 476 A.D., the Roman Empire collapsed. Historians argue about the causes—internal bureaucratic problems, poor assimilation of conquered people, failure to withstand the barbarian hordes, etc. Now a game combines these factors with the number-crunching ability of the microcomputer and the Atari's graphics.

**Rome and the Barbarians** looks like a standard military simulation/strategy board game with smooth scrolling and joystick control of the cursor. However, it is not that simple.

The screen shows the location of Roman units, rebel Romans, invading barbarians, allied barbarians, mercenaries and locals. This game's excellence comes from its realistic understanding of historical issues. The instruction manual warns that "Although Rome and the Barbarians is a military simulation, the strategy must be based on economics."

The economics involved are complex, but not overwhelming. You must consider city tax values, troop payment, your treasury, hiring barbarians, collecting taxes, barbarian tribe loyalty and so on.

Use the joystick to move the large, square cursor over a map of Europe. The map's graphics have nice touches, such as the snow-capped mountains turning brown in the summer. The joystick button determines troop movement. The [SELECT] and [OPTION] keys, pressed when the cursor is over one of the factions,



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cause the computer to display tax values, troop data and treasury information.

Documentation is excellent. It includes tips, insight into the game from designer Steve Krenek, historical observations, a map, and tax charts.

The amount of information that must be absorbed to play the game successfully is significant. This adds staying power to the game, but makes it difficult to simply boot up and play. The example and beginner games help.

Combat is attended by the sound of clanking swords. Because of the general lack of sound, this is abrupt and surprising.

**Napoleon at Waterloo** is a more basic version of *Rome and the Barbarians*. It is concerned with the military strategy involved in deploying forces and fighting. You play against the computer, using the same joystick and smooth scrolling from Krenek's other game. Simpler, shorter, and easier to play, *Napoleon* resembles the study an artist produces prior to painting a masterpiece. It's a good warm-up to *Rome*.

## EPIDEMIC

Strategic Simulations, Inc.

883 Stierlin Road, Building A-200

Mountain View, CA 94043

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(800) 772-3545, ext. 335 in CA

\$34.95, 48K—disk

Reviewed by Jordan Powell

Are you up for saving the world from a deadly infection from outer space? **Epidemic**, a new simulation game from SSI, allows you just this opportunity.

Meteorites bearing killer alien microbes are headed towards Earth. Your primary defensive weapons are missiles with nuclear warheads for destroying meteorites still in space. You can't hit all of them, though. And once a meteorite hits, the microbes multiply and spread, starting an epidemic. You combat this epidemic with an array of biological and other weapons. As a last resort, you can detonate nuclear devices to destroy entire areas, stopping the disease at the cost of millions of human lives. The goal is to neutralize the disease and stop the spread of epidemics with the least amount of casualties.

As in any good strategy game, you must juggle many variables and interrelated factors. Since you can only accomplish a certain amount in 24 hours, you must allocate your resources wisely. Should you attempt to destroy a meteorite, and if so, which one? Which area of the planet should receive which remedy? You must also deal with uncontrollable meteor impacts and the spread of a disease across geographical boundaries.

A wealth of information is displayed in various forms each turn, but you must know how to interpret it to make the right decisions. Some of the displays take a long time to develop, but they enhance the game by taking advantage of Atari's graphics. For instance, a map of the globe depicts all

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areas' current status with various colors and textures. The documentation is a little weak in its description of the displayed data, so you may have to read it a few times and play two or three practice games to understand everything.

A full game can take as long as an hour, but unfortunately, there's no way to save a game in progress. I found Epidemic frustrating to play initially, but as my ability increased the game became much more interesting. If you like games that require thought and the juggling of multiple factors to solve a problem, you'll enjoy Epidemic.

## STAR WARS

Parker Bros.  
50 Durham Road  
Beverly, MA 01915  
(617) 927-7600  
\$44, 12K-cartridge

*Reviewed by George Adamson*

**Star Wars: The Arcade Game** (Parker Brothers) brings little to the Atari world beyond the appeal of the title. In this adaptation of the movie plot you fly a fighter, firing at other fighters before attempting to destroy the Death Star.

Moving the joystick moves a gun sight; stationary cannons in each corner of the screen fire toward the sight. The poor 3-D effect would have been better if the cannons moved with the sight instead of remaining still.

The appearance of the Death Star is disappointing. It doesn't enlarge to give the illusion of approach. Instead, the screen switches without warning to converging lines representing the trench on the Death Star. There is little impression of movement through the trench.

Star Wars features a standard status line with points, level and remaining shields at the top of the screen. Despite bearing the name of a bestsell-

ing movie, this game quickly becomes monotonous and adds nothing to the state-of-the-art.

## BRUCE LEE

Datasoft  
19808 Nordhoff Place  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
(213) 701-5161  
\$34.95, 32K-disk and cassette

*Reviewed by Harris Shiffman*

Somewhere beneath Earth's surface lies the vast domain of an evil wizard. Within this realm lie treasures beyond imagining, protected by perils too great to number. The wizard has guarded his underground fortress well, and it will take all the skill and cunning of the greatest of all martial artists to prevail.

Welcome to the world of **Bruce Lee**, Datasoft's latest entry into the arcade adventure genre. As Lee, you explore the wizard's underground lair in hopes of finding his treasure. Passage from one chamber to the next is achieved by touching the right combination of lanterns that appear throughout the maze. Your only defenses against the dangers of the caverns are your hands, your feet, and years of athletic training.

There are numerous traps located throughout the many chambers. You'll also need to deal with the wizard's private army, a series of black-robed Ninja warriors and a large green fighter called Green Yamo. Although a few well-placed kicks dispatch these fellows, they're soon replaced. Fortunately, you are a good deal harder to kill than they are.

As an arcade-type adventure game, Bruce Lee represents a middle ground. It isn't as demanding of reflexes and endurance as Shamus and Shamus II, but is more difficult than the elementary Pharaoh's Curse (all from Synapse). The background graphics and animation, while not particularly

original or innovative, are clean and attractive, and player response to joystick movement is very good.

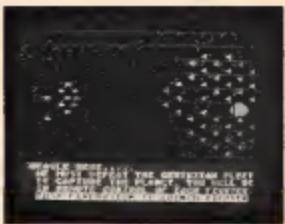
There's one relatively minor flaw. Upon loading the game, a 40-second-long introduction displays Bruce Lee's likeness accompanied by pleasant mood music. It's impossible to cut this short and get on with the game.

Bruce Lee is interesting, challenging, and fun to play. While it could stand an injection of excitement, it is a worthy addition to the adventure maze gamer's collection.

## QUEST OF THE SPACE BEAGLE

Avalon Hill Game Company  
4517 Harford Road  
Baltimore, MD 21214  
(301) 254-9200  
\$35, 48K-disk-requires BASIC

*Reviewed by Michael Ciraolo*



Like its predecessor, **Jupiter Mission 1999**, **The Quest of the Space Beagle** combines a variety of arcade games under a uniting theme—your quest to survive, locate the earth and return home.

There are three parts. In the first, your ineffectual robot fighters battle a space armada as you attempt to capture a planet. Then you try to survive in a maze as your air and water repeatedly dwindle. Finally, your patience and memory skills are tested as you search for Earth among all the stars in the known universe. You can't get from one level to another without

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completing the first level, although you can save games.

The graphics are fine, but are accompanied by a powerful 60-cycle flickering which is initially distracting and later headache producing.

The second major flaw: there is little incentive to get to the next level, so the game gets boring quickly. You do the same thing again and again. The only reward comes at the end of the game, when you find your way back to Earth. You'll need the attention span of Yoda to succeed.

## REALM OF IMPOSSIBILITY

Electronic Arts  
2755 Campus Drive  
San Mateo, CA 94403  
(415) 571-7171  
\$35, 48K-disk

Reviewed by Jack Powell



A few years ago, a guy named Mike Edwards started to write a football game. Somewhere along the line, the defensive team turned into zombies, spiders and snakes. The playfield twisted and mutated, and the whole thing became a nightmare. Mike called the game "Zombies" and a small software company named BRAM, Inc. put it on the market.

The original Zombies had seven dungeons and a total of 74 rooms, with some of the most stylish graphics seen on the Atari. Along came Electronic Arts, the software marketing marvels. They liked Zom-

bies a lot. So, they went to tiny BRAM, Inc. and **Realm of Impossibility** was born.

**Realm of Impossibility** is Zombies, but changes have been made. Some good. Some bad. The best part of Zombies had always been the incredible dungeon called "The Realm of Impossibility", which was fashioned after the intricate optical illusions of illustrator M.C. Escher. Electronic Arts sent Mike Edwards back to his computer to design more of these goodies. The result is six new dungeons and 55 additional rooms for a grand total of 129 rooms filled with snakes, spiders and zombies—plus some unusual beasts called "orbs", which bear a striking resemblance to Oreo cookies.

Some things haven't changed. You're still a tiny, frantic creature, jerking and waving in animated panic. The game has what is referred to as a "two player cooperative mode". This means that two of you can explore these mazes, but you must cooperate and help each other because both of you must leave each room together. If your partner dies, you can resurrect him.

In the old game, you searched each dungeon for one of the seven stolen crowns. In **Realm of Impossibility**, some of the rooms are locked and can't be entered until you find the keys hidden in the other rooms. This adds somewhat to the texture of the game play. There are also four levels of difficulty which I found to be a vast improvement over the original, which was so hard that I yanked the disk out of the drive and gave up in frustration.

Unlike most computer games, you have no weapons here. You can't kill anyone. Instead, you drop little crosses behind you which temporarily block the pursuers. You also collect spells which, when cast, confuse or freeze all opponents for a brief period. The method of casting a spell, however, is ridiculously awkward.

First, you've got to stop moving the joystick. When you've got every monster in the world racing after you, the last thing you want to do is stop. Fortunately, you can simply hit the space bar to cast a spell.

After a while it all becomes the same. It's still too frantic and speedy and little strategy or skill is required. The rooms are marvelous and inventive but they're really nothing more than decorative pathways filled with the same tiny relentless creatures.

## RAILS WEST

Strategic Simulations, Inc.  
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(415) 964-1353  
\$39.95, 48K-disk

Reviewed by Christine Lunardini

From unexplored, unsettled wilderness to thriving, industrialized civilization in 60 years, this country changed as railroads laced the continent during the 19th century. It was a time of phenomenal growth where personal fortunes were made and lost as entrepreneurs competed to build industrial empires.

**Rails West**, (SSI), is one of the best economic simulations ever presented. Written by historian Martin Campion, **Rails West** reflects a substantial knowledge of 19th century railroad building. The game allows one to eight players to compete against each other or the computer to build a transcontinental railroad connecting midwest terminals to the west coast. You also compete to build the largest personal fortune.

**Rails West** is not for the faint of heart. It requires an understanding of free market economics and will challenge your skill as an entrepreneur. To succeed, you must figure out the relationship between issuing stock on the open market, floating bonds, and servicing your debts—while managing to

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keep enough of your corporation's stocks to prevent interlopers from gaining control of your road.

You can start the game in 1870, when there was only the skeleton of a rail network, or in 1890 when the roads were in place but ripe for takeover. The novice should gain experience playing the 1870 version first.

Rails West is both an educational simulation and a game of skill. Economic conditions fluctuate from year to year, and there is risk as you move from boom times through fair times to depression. The skill is in knowing when you can safely carry a large debt to capitalize your fledgling road, and when to play your cards closer to the vest with the intention of capitalizing on someone else's misfortune. You need not know about railroads or history to play Rails West, but there is a bonus for those who know something of the times.

Rails West is well worth the effort it takes to learn the rudiments of play. It will make an excellent classroom aid, particularly for group participation, and it is a challenging excursion into the land of robber barons for the individual player.

## ADVENTURES WITH THE ATARI

by Jack Hardy

Reston Publishing  
11480 Sunset Hills Rd.  
Reston, VA 22090  
(800) 336-0338  
\$14.95

*Reviewed by Jerry White*

If you'd like to start creating your own adventure games, *Adventures With the Atari* is all you need.

This 356-page book includes type-in listings of six different adventure game programs. One text adventure and one graphic adventure are supplied in Atari BASIC, in Microsoft BASIC and in Atari PILOT. These well-

written programs are clearly printed for easy reading.

You also get two Atari BASIC programs—The Creator and The Interpreter—that let you design and write your own text adventures by simply filling in data. You can use the program shell to create as many different adventures as you like; as long as each game is stored on a separate disk.

The book also includes adventure maps and flowcharts, as well as a variety of useful programming information. And if you'd rather avoid hours of typing, the author will provide readers with the programs on disk for \$12.

My congratulations to Jack Hardy and Reston Publishing on a job well done.

## X-BASIC & SCROLL-IT

SUPERware

2028 Kinghouse Road  
Silver Springs, MD 20904  
(301) 236-4459  
\$29.95, disk or cassette  
requires BASIC

*Reviewed by  
Lawrence Dziegielewski*

There appears to be no end of strong new utilities for your Atari. SUPERware has taken some of the trouble out of BASIC programming with two utilities from programmer George Schwenk, X-BASIC and SCROLL-IT.

X-BASIC extends Atari BASIC by adding several powerful features at an extremely affordable price. The utility adds 30 functions, including string arrays, simplified Player/Missile graphics and sound and memory functions.

X-BASIC is loaded into about 2K of RAM. It is called into action from BASIC through the USR function. Each function is a separate, "pre-programmed" machine language subroutine which the user simply inserts into his own BASIC code. You just use

the X-BASIC mnemonic (such as DPEEK for a two-byte PEEK), which is easier to use than the standard convention of doing your own machine language subroutines. Sample programs are included on the disk which demonstrate the power of the utility.

The utility's one major drawback is that extensions must be loaded in every time you want to execute an X-BASIC coded program. One way to avoid this is to save the X-BASIC source with the BASIC source into one load file. But still, this is not as easy nor as convenient as a cartridge.

Schwenk's other utility is SCROLL-IT, a machine language program that allows the user to produce intricate fine screen scrolling without the hassle of extensive programming. A sample program is included with the program to demonstrate the utility's power.

SCROLL-IT is called from your BASIC program. It uses BASIC line

Sample programs demonstrate the power of the utility.

numbers 29000 to 29199, and is initialized with a USR call from within the program. Before calling in SCROLL-IT, the programmer must define certain variables in the USR call. Once defined, the USR call installs SCROLL-IT and executes it as a Vertical Blank Interrupt. If you have other routines that also execute during VBI, they must be defined and initialized before SCROLL-IT in order for the utility to work properly. Once the utility is in place, you need only POKE the various Page 6 locations to use SCROLL-IT's functions.

Both of these come with adequate documentation, but there is room for improvement. They are not as easy to

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use as a cartridge-based language, and assume too much skill of a beginning programmer. Once mastered, however, they make powerful tools.

## MONTANA READING PROGRAM

PDI  
95 East Putnam Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830.  
(203) 661-8799  
\$24.95, 32K-disk  
\$19.95, 32K-cassette

*Reviewed by Rhonda Holmes*

The Montana Reading Program helps improve a child's reading skills. Designed for children from five through eight, the program teaches 220 commonly used words that make up the Dolch list. Successful learning of these words is widely believed to strengthen reading ability.

The concept of moving up in levels helped motivate the kids.

Target words are displayed in simple sentences. After a sentence is displayed, the target word flashes for a short time and is then erased. A box is set in place of the word, outlining the word's basic shape and length. The child is asked to type in the missing word. If the first try is correct, 150 points are tallied on the pinball-style scoreboard. If the child makes a mistake, the computer gives the message to try again. If the child doesn't get it by the third try, the computer proceeds to the next sentence.

Twelve children, between four and eight, who helped me review this program found its graphics and sound captivating. The concept of moving

up in levels through continued play helped motivate the kids. Beyond its benefit to reading skills, this program also builds computer and typing skills... all increasingly important today.

## ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING FOR ATARI

by Mark Chasin  
McGraw-Hill Inc.  
1221 Ave. of the Americas  
New York, NY 10020  
(212) 997-1221  
\$15.95

*Reviewed by Jerry White*

Learning assembly language isn't supposed to be easy, but it just got easier to understand with Assembly Language Programming for the Atari Computer.

This readable 304-page book takes you from the fundamentals of AL programming to complex examples that fully utilize the Atari's unique architecture. It is the book to read if you want to learn AL or simply AL subroutines.

You'll learn about Atari hardware, assembler software and legally accessing Atari operating system routines. Routines included teach the use of interrupts, I/O, sound and graphics; the source code for these routines is available on disk for \$12.95.

## CHAOS

Touch Stone Software  
3213 South 214th East Avenue  
Broken Arrow, OK 74014  
(918) 258-0222  
\$29.95, 48K-disk

*Reviewed by Christopher Chabris*

CHAOS, the Character Animation Operating System, produces complex animation by combining the concepts of character and Player/Missile graphics.

Like P/M graphics, CHAOS has

movable objects and collision registers. However, it also has eight shapes, each composed of four colors and eight-by-eight pixel resolution. Because you're able to use P/M and CHAOS together, you can have up to 16 moving objects on the screen simultaneously.

CHAOS is accomplished through BASIC's PEEK and POKE function. Objects can be moved automatically in four directions at two speeds. The system places an object's coordinates and collision information in registers that your program can read, so your program can activate the motion with a few POKEs and then rest while CHAOS executes the motion every VBI. This is an excellent feature because it frees your program for other processing.

CHAOS consumes nearly 6K of RAM. If you use DOS 2.0, CHAOS, P/M graphics and Atari BASIC, you could have only 23K RAM free. However, CHAOS uses none of the Page 6 memory and is compatible with BASIC XL.

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